

GERMANS MAKING FINAL BID NOW FOR DECISION IN ITALY

New Offensive Begun In
Effort To Smash Through
Before Winter

WEATHER IS HELP

Present Week Is Critical
One For Entente
Nations

ALLIES CONFIDENT

Staffs Believe Enemy Will
Be Unable To Penetrate
Defence

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, December 24.—An official
communicate reports:

Yesterday morning the enemy in
the Busto-Monte Val Bella sector broke
into our defences. We stopped him
in our rear defences. Our counter-
attacks are progressing satisfactorily.

We drove the enemy to the left
bank of the Piave Vecchia, southward
of Gradengo.

Rome, December 25.—An official
communicate reports:

On Asiago Plateau the battle con-
tinued fiercely and sanguinarily the
whole day long. Our counter-attacks
succeeded in arresting the enemy and
we recovered batteries and machine-
guns abandoned in the previous
fighting. Our fire destroyed a column
of enemy troops advancing from
Bertigo. We recovered and held for
some time the summit of Monte Val
Bella and also ascended the slopes
of Col del Rosso and engaged the
enemy under the summit in a heavy
hand-to-hand fight in which we took
prisoners.

Germans Claim 9,000 Prisoners

London, December 25.—(By wire-
less) A German official communicate
reports:

We repulsed counter-attacks against
our newly won positions and a thrust
delivered by the enemy at Monte
Petrica.

Our prisoners at Col del Rosso total
9,000.

The German official communicate
issued last night reports:

Between Asiago and the Brenta we
have stormed Col del Rosso and the
heights adjoining eastward and west-
ward and taken 6,000 prisoners.

Rome, December 26.—An official
communicate states:

The struggle on Asiago Plateau
recommenced at dawn yesterday.
The enemy concentrated between
Col-del-Rosso and Val Frenzela
Maise. He was unable to advance
beyond Sasso. We recaptured Col-
del-Rosso and Monte Valbella but
were unable to retain them.

Our barrage checked an attack on
the left bank of the Brenta.

London, December 26.—The Ger-
man official communicate says: Violent
counter-attacks made by the
Italians at Col-del-Rosso broke
down with heavy losses.

The Austrian gain at Monte Val
Bella was two-thirds of a mile. It
has merely resulted in wiping out a
small Italian salient.

Tentons Come From East

The enemy is thinning out his
troops along the line of the Piave
and also bringing up fresh troops
in order to strengthen the mountain
sector preparatory to a renewed
onslaught against the Italian posi-
tions at Monte Grappa, where the
German forces are concentrated.

Serious fighting has broken out in
the region to the left of the
Frenzela Valley.

Reuter's correspondent with the
French army in Italy, referring to
the vigorous Austrian offensive on
Asiago Plateau and west of the
Brenta mentioned in the official
communicate, anticipates that if the
enemy maintains his gains, he will
attack the Monte Grappa position in
great force. The Allied Staffs are
prepared for all eventualities. The
enemy is able to shell the nearest
villages in the plain but there is
little likelihood that he will succeed
in breaking through from the

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Bolshevik Troops At Harbin Disarmed By Chinese, Both Sides Sustaining Casualties

Ruettin, Extremist Leader, Escapes; Peking Authorities
Take Possession And Restore Order

CHINA PRESS' OWN SERVICE
Tientsin, December 26.—Tele-
grams from Harbin bring news that
the Bolshevik troops there have been
disarmed by the Chinese troops, both
sides sustaining casualties. Ruettin,
the extremist leader, escaped. The
Chinese authorities have taken pos-
session and order has been restored.

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Harbin, December 26.—The Chi-
nese presented an ultimatum to
General Horvath on the 24th de-
manding that the 559th and 618th
Reservist regiments should be re-
moved from Harbin. The Chinese
decided, in case of a refusal of their
demand, to use force, but hoped it
would not be necessary.

The Allied Consuls called on the
Taoyin on the 25th and asked what
action the Chinese were taking, as
the continued presence of many
armed Chinese soldiers in the streets
of Harbin was creating alarm and
they feared it might cause unpleas-
ant incidents.

On the 26th, at 8 a.m., the Chinese
proceeded to the barracks of the
618th Regiment and disarmed them.
Some resisted and two school chil-
dren and three Chinese were killed.

The Chinese proceeded to the
barracks of the 559th Regiment and
disarmed them.

No further trouble is expected.

The Chinese have the situation well
under control.

The banks and many shops are
closed.

Surrender After Hour

Tokio, December 27.—It is reliably
reported that the Chinese commander
sent to Harbin demanded the evacu-
ation of that town by the Russian
troops. He delivered an ultimatum to
the Russians on the 24th, giving them
till the 25th to evacuate.

The Russians, knowing the futility
of resistance, decided to start home-
ward, but the troops, indignant at the
Chinese demand, came into conflict
with the Chinese troops yesterday
morning. After an hour's fighting the
Russians threw down their arms and
surrendered.

The Chinese Governor immediately
notified the Consular Body of the sur-
render of the Russians and the re-
moval of any further danger to peace
and order.

The number of Russians who sur-
rendered was 2,500.

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Petrograd, December 25.—The
Maximalist Minister of Foreign
Affairs, Trotsky, has instructed the
Commander of the Russian troops in
Harbin to request the withdrawal of
the foreign troops.

London, December 25.—Telegrams
from Peking state that owing to the
arrival of Chinese troops order has
been restored in Harbin.

Gen. Horvath Works With
Chinese Against Bolsheviks
From Our Own Correspondent
Peking, December 24.—Develop-

CHRISTMAS DAY BLAZE GUTS POOTUNG GODOWN

Spectacular Fire 250,000 Fire
Destroys Carlowitz And
Sons' Building

One of the biggest and most spec-
tacular fires in some time was that
which swept through and destroyed
the Carlowitz godown at Pootung,
said to be a Tis. 250,000 blaze, on
Christmas afternoon. Four smaller
outbreaks occurred during the Christ-
mas holidays and kept the Brigade
busy.

The cause of the Pootung fire is at
present unknown but is being in-
vestigated. The alarm was turned in
at 4.15 p.m. on Christmas day and
the Fire Float was rapidly manned
by members of Companies 1, 2 and 4
and reached the scene just in time to
prevent a disastrous spread of the
flames, which were sweeping through
the main premises of the Hong Chong
Chang boat yard and the China
Merchants' yard. A stiff northeast
wind, the dense smoke and the biting
cold made the fighting hard but Chief
Officer Pett, assisted by the Customs
Float "Hunting" under Inspector
Mellows got a dozen or more jets to
work. It was evident that the godown
was doomed and every effort was bent
to preventing further loss, but it was
two hours before the fire was checked.

A large number of close-packed
bales of cotton waste made the interior
of the godown a furnace and as late
as yesterday the two floats were still
working on the cotton. It is under-
stood that godown and contents were
insured for Tis. 200,000 by Messrs.

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ments at Harbin have been awaited
here with great anxiety, but every-
body professes to be thankful, and
most people are unfeignedly so, at
the turn that events have taken
there during the past few days. I
have already telegraphically reported
the issue of a proclamation by the
Chinese authorities virtually amount-
ing to a grave warning to the Bol-
sheviki. This proclamation has been
accompanied by a decisive action.
General Horvath has resolutely
stuck to his post, even though for
the sake of safety he has been ob-
liged to accept the hospitality of
Chinese officials, and he has refused
to hand over the control of the rail-
way or of the Russian municipality
to the Bolshevik caucus.

Instead of doing that he has acted
in what has been at the same time
the most correct and the most
astute manner. For a time, as a
means of temporising, he worked
more or less amicably with the
Bolshevik leaders, and they, re-
cognising their position as by no
means secure, being, as they were,
on Chinese soil, were content to work
with him. All the time, however, it
appeared, General Horvath was in
communication with the Chinese,
who are, of course, in the position
of a suzerain Power. To them the
control of the Russian town of Har-
bin and of the railway area reverts
eventually; and in case the lessee
abandons or is unable to maintain
his authority within the leased area
it is obvious that reversion should
immediately take place. This is
practically what has happened.

Three days ago, in accordance
with an arrangement between the
Chinese authorities and General
Horvath, Chinese troops were sent to
Harbin in very large numbers, and
when they had arrived it was clearly
estimated that any Bolshevik dis-
order would be very rigorously sup-
pressed. It was also intimated that
any kind of lawlessness would be
sternly suppressed, and immediately
there was great improvement in this
respect also.

Chinese In Full Control

General Horvath was not content
with merely giving the Chinese a
show of authority, he entrusted them
with real power. By the terms of
the Chinese Eastern Railway agree-
ment a Chinese Director-General was
to be appointed. For several years
this appointment was made but the
duties were nominal and the ap-
pointment was allowed to lapse.
General Horvath has revived it, and
though the actual nomination there-
to has not been made it is expected
that it will be made within the next
two or three days, and it is under-
stood that the Chinese Director-
General will exercise almost unlim-
ited power along the length of the
railway. The Chinese authorities
are being put on their mettle, and it
looks as if they were rising to the
occasion.

BONAR LAW FAVORS LEVY ON WEALTH AFTER WAR

He Believes In Conscription Of
Incomes To Lower
National Debt.

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 26.—A full
report of a recent speech made by
Mr. A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of
the Exchequer, in reply to the Parlia-
mentary Committee of the Trade
Union Congress, which urged the con-
scription of wealth, shows that he
emphasised that he personally favored
a levy on capital at the end of the
war as the best means of reducing the
national debt.

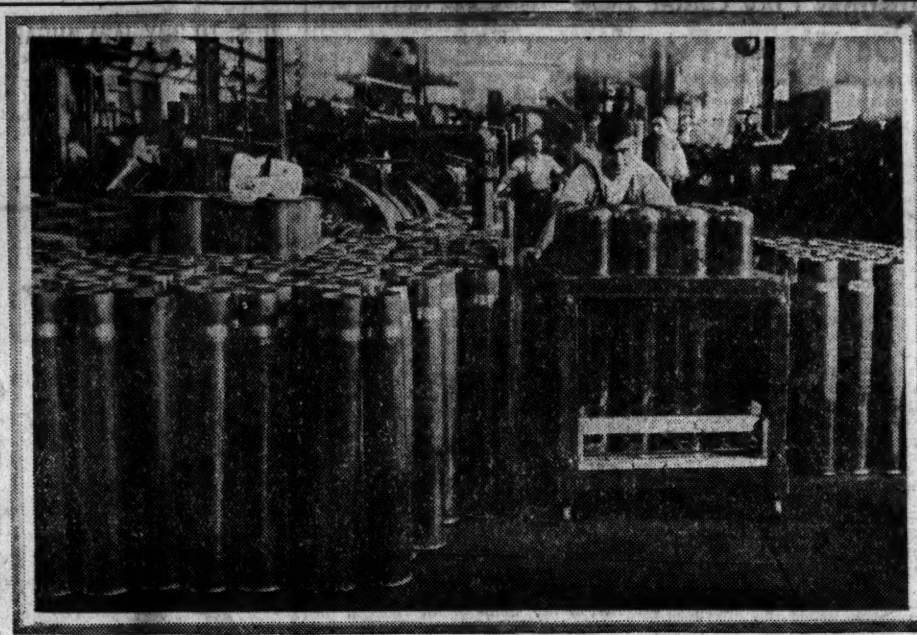
He pointed out that while any such
burden must ultimately fall upon
industry, the political situation after
the war would be such that the
wealthy will have to continue to pay
for the war. Hence the question of
whether there should be a levy upon
wealth or whether the burden should
be spread over 50 years mainly con-
cerned the wealthy classes. It was a
question which method would pay
them best and pay the country best.
He disagreed with Mr. Sydney
Webb, the well known economist,
that a levy on capital could be made
during the war. "If you try it you
won't get the money and you will run
the risk of falling short of money."

Importing Liquor Barred By Canada

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Ottawa, December 24.—The im-
portation of liquor into Canada is
prohibited. The manufacture of
liquor is already prohibited.

Making Shell Cases for Uncle Sam's Artillery



Placing heads on great shell cases in one of Uncle Sam's workshops. This is the first time that the Government has permitted the interior of this factory to be photographed. (Passed by Committee on Public Information).

CHRISTMAS DAY QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

No Infantry Actions Take Place
But Artillery Continues
Over Holiday

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 23.—Field
Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports
this evening:

Early this morning the enemy
raided an outpost eastward of Epehy
and took a few prisoners.

Other raiders in the neighborhood
of the Menin Road were driven off.
Our aeroplanes on Saturday bomb-
ed a big gun near Lill, at hutments,
barracks and trenches.

Many thousands of rounds of
machine-gun bullets were fired by
our machines against enemy troops.
Four German machines were
brought down.

The aerodromes of the enemy's
night-flying squadrons and also im-
portant railway-stations were bomb-
ed during the night. Several of our
pilots made two flights to one
aerodrome, where many hits were
obtained on the sheds. All our
machines returned.

London, December 24, noon.—Field
Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We drove off attempted raids
south-eastward of Epehy, in the
neighborhood of Monchy-le-Preux
and westward of La Bassée.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig re-
ports this evening:

We drove off raiders southwest-
ward of Ypres.

There has been hostile artillerying
at Epehy and southward of Poel-
capelle.

There has been vigorous bombing
and fighting in the air. Despite a
haze the enemy artillery machines
were active. We brought down five
in fighting in the air and two others
by gun fire. One of the latter was a
large twin-engine machine, the three
occupants of which were taken
prisoners.

Our night fliers bombed several
aerodromes with good effect. One
of our squadrons at daylight dropped
a ton of bombs on Mannheim.
Bursts were observed on the main
station and work and fires in the
town. Enemy scouts repeatedly
but unsuccessfully attacked our
squadron. The heavy anti-aircraft
fire forced down one of our machines.
The others returned safely.

London, December 25, noon.—Field
Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We took a few prisoners in patrol
encounters southward of Cambrai.
There have been mutual artillery
bombardments westward of La
Bassée and eastward of Ypres.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig re-
ports this evening that there have
been mutual artillery actions and
patrol encounters.

London, December 25.—Reuter's
correspondent at British Head-
quarters wires:

Christmas Day is sunny with a
blue sky. The festivities generally
are modest in character as compared
with last year but the usual cheer-
fulness prevails. There is no ques-
tion of even temporary fraternisa-

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German Plot Bared To Destroy Shipping In Argentine Ports

Agents Ordered To Wreck All
Allied Vessels Regardless
Of Cost

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Buenos Aires, December 23.—A
plot has been discovered in which
German agents were directed, re-
gardless of cost, to destroy all the
Allied shipping in Argentine ports.

This order is attributed to the
success of the negotiations of the
Allies for the purchase of the surplus
harvests of the Argentine. The
shipping agents are adopting pre-
cautions.

Jellicoe Replaced As First Sea Lord

Is Succeeded By Vice-Admiral
Sir Rosslyn Wemyss But
Will Get Peerage

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 26.—The Admi-
rality announces that Vice-Admiral
Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has been ap-
pointed to succeed Admiral Sir John
Jellicoe as First Sea Lord.

Admiral Sir John Jellicoe receives
a peerage in recognition of his very
distinguished services and it is hoped
that his experience will be utilised
later on in another important ap-
pointment.

Stefansson Expedition Arrives At Fort Yukon

Canadian Arctic Explorer Who
Sailed In June, 1913,
Is Heard From

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Ottawa, December 26.—Vilhjalmur
Stefansson, the Commander of the
Canadian Arctic Expedition which
sailed from Victoria, B. C., in June,
1913, has arrived at Fort Yukon.

Kaiser Is Truculent On Return To Berlin

All Efforts Of Britain, France
And America In Vain,
Says He

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, December 26.—The
Kaiser has returned to Berlin. In
a message to the Minister of War he
claims that all the efforts of Great
Britain, France and America have
been in vain owing to the death-
defying courage of the troops and
the strong support of the homeland
with munitions of war. He con-
cludes with an expression of his con-
fidence in final victory.

The Kaiser visited the Verdun
front on the 21st. In a eulogy of the
German troops on the Western front
he said that their sacrifices had en-
abled their comrades on the Dvina
and Isonzo to achieve successive
victories. He added: "A new founda-
tion for the conduct of the war has
been created."

ENTIRE GERMAN PRESS ADMITS SERIOUS PLIGHT

Food Prospects More Menacing
Than At Any Time
During War

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 23.—The German
press acknowledges the extreme
difficulties in which the country
stands.

The Berliner Tageblatt wrote a
week ago: "The prospects concern-
ing food are more serious than at
any time during the war. It is feared
that even the most necessary
food-stuffs cannot be secured."

The Vorwaerts says that there are
in Germany about forty million
people suffering from hunger. "We
are exposed," says the Vorwaerts, "to
a regular catastrophe in one month,
the result of which will be a greater
crash than that of Russia. That is to
say, a German defeat and the loss
of the whole war."

The German Government found
no better answer to that declaration
than to forbid the publication of the
paper for three days. This remedy
is surely inefficacious. It is prefer-
able that Germany should break off
the blockade with which the Allies
encircle her every day more tightly.

Amsterdam, December 24.—The
German newspaper Vorwaerts,
which has renewed publication,
gives prominence to the defence
made by the Food Controller, who,
among other things, admits that the
illicit trade in food-stuffs had as-
sumed such proportions as to en-
danger the general food-supply.

Commenting on the recent speech
made by Mr. Lloyd George, the
Vorwaerts points out that the
people during war-time are unable
to combat militarism but after the
war the mighty current which in
times of peace forced militarism on
the defensive will become over-
whelming.

Twelve Ships Sunk By U-Boats Last Week

Eleven Over And One Under
1,600 Tons Are British
Losses

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 26.—The Admi-
rality announces that the merchantmen
arriving at ports of the United King-
dom last week totalled 2,311 and the
number sailing 2,460. Eleven vessels
over and one under 1,600 tons were
sunk, 12 vessels unsuccessfully attack-
ed and one fishing vessel sunk during
the same period.

PLAGUE IN MONGOLIA

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 27.—A telegram
from Saratsi states that the plague,
which was first reported at Patse
Bolung, just north of the Yellow River
in Mongolia, is now raging in the
villages in the vicinity of Saratsi and
appears to be spreading rapidly. The
symptoms point to its being pneumonic
plague, though this has not yet been
definitely ascertained.

GERMANY DRAFTS REPLY TO RUSSIAN PEACE PROPOSALS

To Be Submitted To Dele-
gates At Brest-Litovsk
Parley

SESSIONS START

Maximalists State Six De-
mands, All Of Radical
Nature

FOR RESTORATION

Teutons Oppose Going Into
Details Of Permanent
Settlement

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, December 24.—The
enemy delegations to the Brest-
Litovsk Conference have unanim-
ously agreed on the basis of their reply
to the Russian peace proposals and
their reply will be formulated to-
morrow.

The peace negotiations between
the Central Powers and Russia
opened with Germany as represented
by five delegates, headed by Baron
von Kuhlmann, the Minister of
Foreign Affairs; Austria, by eight,
headed by Count Czernin, the Min-
ister for Foreign Affairs; Bulgaria,
by five, with M. Popoff, the Min-
ister of Justice, at their head;
Turkey by four delegates, headed
by the Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Nesim Bey, and Russia, thirteen
headed by Kjenoff.

Baron von Kuhlmann, who pre-
sided at the opening session, em-
phasised that there could be no
question of drawing up an elabo-
rate treaty of peace but only of set-
tling the most important conditions
for the speedy re-establishment of
peaceful intercourse, especially in
cultural and economic matters. He
also emphasised that the negotia-
tions must take into account what
has become historical.

It was decided that the chief
representative of each Power should
preside alternately.

The chief Russian representative
stated the well-known Russian
peace program, of which the re-
presentatives of the other Powers
then began an examination.

The Russian Terms

Petrograd, December 23.—The
Russian delegates presented six
points at the Brest-Litovsk Con-
ference, including:

No forcible acquisition of terri-
tory.

Restoration of the political in-
dependence of the peoples who have
lost it during the war.

Self-determination of national
groups.

No indemnities.

Private persons to be compensat-
ed for all losses from a special fund
to which all the belligerents shall
contribute on a proportional basis.

The same principles to be applic-
able to colonies as to parent coun-
tries.

The last clause prohibits economic
boycotts, (? and)

Separate customs agreements (?
and)

A naval blockade which does not
pursue any direct military object.

Discontent With Bolsheviks

London, December 25.—News-
paper correspondents emphasise the
growing opposition among all classes
to the Bolsheviks and the widespread
disinclination of the troops from the
front to embark on a civil war.

Furthermore, they lay stress upon
the fact that the Russian army is
breaking up and peace is inevitable.

The Times states that after the
enemy delegates have consulted their
own Governments and suspended
negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, the
Russian delegates will split up into
three commissions: one sitting in
Petrograd under the Presidency of
the Maximalist leader Trotsky, the
second, which will be concerned with
purely military matters, sitting at
Odessa, while the third will pre-

pare material for the prospective European Peace Congress.

The Germans are massing troops on the southwestern and Rumanian fronts with a view to securing the rich harvests of southern Russia. It is pointed out that this concentration of troops may ultimately be intended for despatch to Asia Minor.

The Russian Constituent Assembly is being convoked on January 5. Even the ignorant classes are interested in its fate while the troops of the Petrograd garrison have shown their mutinous disposition by cheering for the Constituent Assembly.

The Maximalists have proclaimed a state of siege in Moscow "as a measure against the counter-revolution."

The Preobrazhensky Regiment has refused to discontinue guarding the Taurida Palace, pending the opening of the Constituent Assembly, because it distrusts the intentions of the Maximalists in the matter. The Semenovskiy Guards have resolved not to arrest members of the Constituent Assembly.

It is reported from Jassy that General Tcherbacheff, the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukraine forces, has arrested the four ring-leaders of a Maximalist plot to assassinate him.

The Rumanian Minister in Paris, confirming this, states that everything goes to show that discipline will be maintained on the Rumanian front.

The Maximalists and the left section of the Social Revolutionaries have agreed to form a Coalition Government, in which the latter will have seven seats.

The Maximalists have prohibited the manufacture of arms "in view of the probability of a speedy European peace."

It transpires that the Maximalist peace conditions mentioned on the 23rd include a demand for the speedy evacuation of the occupied territories.

Demand Stockholm Conference

The Maximalist News Agency states that the Maximalist delegation at Brest-Litovsk has written to the German Foreign Office that the peace negotiations may be endangered if the German Minority Socialists are not allowed to go to Stockholm to meet the Russian Socialists.

The Maximalists claim that 6,000 of General Korniloff's troops have been completely beaten in the Government of Kharkoff.

Petrograd, December 23.—A general mobilisation of the Ukraine has been ordered by the Rada.

The Government of the Cossacks of the Don has agreed to place Cossacks at the disposal of the Rada in the event of attack and also to provide supplies.

Fighting is proceeding between the Ukrainians and the Maximalists eight miles from Khurkoff and it is reported that 700 men have been killed or wounded.

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The members of the Ukrainian Revolutionary Staff have been released.

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gram from Petrograd states that the Maximalist leader Trotsky has announced that Colonel Kolpassnikoff, the Petrograd agent of the American Red Cross Mission in Rumania, has been arrested in connection with the affair mentioned yesterday.

The American Ambassador states that the Embassy and the American Red Cross Society are in no way involved in any counter-revolutionary movement.

Christmas Day Quiet On Western Front

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tion with the enemy. Plum-pudding was served out for the first time as a ration; this was previously provided through private generosity.

Our guns have been active throughout the past 24 hours. They wrought terrible havoc on a concentration of enemy infantry in the neighborhood of Seclaeers yesterday afternoon.

London, Dec. 26, noon.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states that he has nothing to report.

A German official communique reports: The artillery has been intense southward of Ypres and in the neighborhoods of Moeuvres and Maroing.

Paris, December 25.—The official communique issued this evening reports: There has been reciprocal artillery activity on the right of the Meuse in the region of Mort Homme.

Yesterday evening enemy aeroplanes dropped forty bombs in Dunkirk. One civilian was killed and three wounded.

Paris, December 24.—The official communique issued this afternoon reports: From December 21 to December 23 there were a hundred air-fights on our front, most of them over the enemy lines. 18 enemy aeroplanes were brought down, ten of them being on fire or destroyed by the crash. We dropped 18,000 kilograms of bombs on railway-stations, munition-works, cantonments and military buildings during the same period.

Paris, December 25.—The official communique issued this afternoon reports: Two German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday.

Enemy aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk on the evening of the 22nd. Several persons were killed or injured.

Paris, December 25.—The official communique issued this evening reports: There has been moderate artillery-firing on the greater part of the front. This was fairly lively on the right of the Meuse.

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ITALIAN DEPUTIES BACK VIGOROUS WAR POLICY

Vote Of Confidence Proof Of Nation's Resolve Not To Quit

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, December 23.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 345 votes to 50 after a speech by Signor Orlando, who, referring to a speech made by a Socialist deputy who advocated a peace on the basis of the "status quo," pointed out that Germany has never spoken of such a peace and never mentioned the restoration of Belgium. Neither had Austria ever shown any intention of restoring unredeemed Italy. Rather than accept a peace which would leave Austria in possession of Italian territory the Italians would retreat fighting as far as Sicily. Moreover a return to the "status quo" was impossible after the immense sacrifices made in the war. The only way to safety was by resistance.

The big Government majority in the Chamber is generally considered to be an overwhelming proof of the solidarity of the nation to make any sacrifice necessary to pursue the war with increased vigor and as a complete overthrow of the interventionist movement.

Paris, December 23.—The official communique issued this evening reports: There has been reciprocal artillery activity on the right of the Meuse in the region of Mort Homme.

Yesterday evening enemy aeroplanes dropped forty bombs in Dunkirk. One civilian was killed and three wounded.

Paris, December 24.—The official communique issued this afternoon reports: From December 21 to December 23 there were a hundred air-fights on our front, most of them over the enemy lines. 18 enemy aeroplanes were brought down, ten of them being on fire or destroyed by the crash. We dropped 18,000 kilograms of bombs on railway-stations, munition-works, cantonments and military buildings during the same period.

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Explosion Started Krupp Works Fire

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, December 24.—The Handelsblad states that the explosion at Krupp Works occurred in a building where there were a thousand workers. The wooden portion of the building was entirely burned down. There were no fatalities. Work in this section has been entirely stopped.

U. S. TO BUY JAVA SUGAR

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, December 26.—The Food Controller, Mr. Hoover, states that the American sugar supply in 1918 must be augmented by 250,000 tons from Java.

British Officials At Conference in Paris

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 23.—Lord Milner and Lord Robert Cecil have arrived and conferred with the Premier, M. Clemenceau; the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Pichon, and General Foch.

The Weather

Fine and cold. The maximum temperature yesterday was 34.4 and the minimum 15.3, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 35.6 and 18.3.

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Japan Delegates Four To China Tariff Board

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Tokio, Dec. 25.—Consul-General Ariyoshi Akira, official expert Hayakawa Shigeo of the Finance Department, official expert Oyama Seishiro of the Ministry of Agriculture and Vice-Consul Kishi Kurumatsa have been appointed as Japan's delegates to the conference on the revision of the Customs Tariff in China.

Critical Week Begun In Italy

(Continued from Page 1)

hills. Nevertheless the ensuing week will be an anxious one for Italy and her Allies, the favorableness of the weather being such that the enemy is likely to endeavor to force the winter campaign to a decision without delay.

An official despatch from British Headquarters in Italy states that since a portion of the Italian front was taken over active patrol and counter-battery work has been carried out and the British armies have given a good account of themselves. Severe cold prevails.

Rome, December 23.—A semi-official communique reports: The Italian Brigade known as the Yellow Riflemen of Calvarie carried out a brilliant raid during a snow-storm yesterday evening. These riflemen, who lay in ambush, followed up a violent burst of artillery fire, rushed and killed the enemy sentries, swept past the entanglements and compelled the terrified defenders of the position to surrender. The attackers returned with much booty and many prisoners.

London, December 23.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that split has occurred in the Peasants Congress between the Left and the combined Right and Center and the latter have formed their own executive with the watchword "Power to the Constituent assembly." The former are negotiating with the Maximalists with a view to the formation of a Coalition Government.

New York, December 24.—A tele-

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GENERAL OFFICE

SALONICA FRONT HAS A NEW COMMANDER

Gen. Guillaumat Succeeds Gen. Sarraill In The Balkans War Zone

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Paris, December 24.—General Guillaumat, the successor to General Sarraill, has arrived at Salonica. General Guillaumat, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Army of Verdun, is regarded as a brilliant soldier.

An official note issued in Paris yesterday stated that the Government had decided to replace General Sarraill, in command of the Allied armies at Salonica, by General Guillaumat.

General Sarraill, who had to meet serious difficulties and has rendered great services, will be appointed to new duties as soon as circumstances permit. General Sarraill played a prominent part in the early stages of the war in France. Through the crisis of the first onrush of the Germans which ended in the Battle of the Marne he held the lines around Verdun, the pivotal point upon which France's defenses on her Eastern frontier depended. Appointed to the Balkan command, General Sarraill went to Salonica with the original Expeditionary forces about two years ago.

General Guillaumat, who arrived at Salonica on Saturday, gained distinction as commander of an army corps before Verdun and in the Battle of the Somme. His appointment is evidence that the Allies, while withdrawing General Sarraill, are fully alive to the possibilities in the Balkan theater of war.

VOTE AGAINST DRAFT MOUNTS IN AUSTRALIA

First Returns in Soldiers' Ballots Show Majority Opposed To Conscription

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Melbourne, December 26.—The latest figures for the Referendum show 870,000 votes for conscription and 1,050,000 against it, including the first returns for the Australian military forces. It is officially announced that 17,000 of the latter are for conscription and 23,000 against it.

Melbourne, December 23.—Earlier totals of the voting in the Referendum show:

Against conscription 998,000
For conscription 820,000

It is believed that the majority against conscription is largely due to the solid vote of the labor-unions, who are smarting under their defeat in the recent strikes, and also to a strong campaign carried out by the Most Reverend Daniel Mannix, D. D., Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, which influences the Catholics. Also the industrial classes failed to appreciate the larger issues involved.

London, December 23.—With regard to the Referendum in Australia, Reuter's Agency is informed that all the leaders against conscription have expressed strong views in favor of winning the war while, some prominent Labor leaders are, fighting at the front and others have their sons there, including Mr. F. G. Tudor, the leader of the Anti-Conscriptionist party. There is no question of war-weariness or pacifism in Australia but merely a clash of opinion with regard to the numbers of men which can be spared from agriculture and other industries essential to winning the war.

The Commonwealth of Australia is maintaining larger forces in the field than all the other Dominions together and her navy is the only Dominion navy within the Empire which has been serving since war broke out and she has paid all her own war expenses.

All the political parties in Australia are unanimous to continue the war till victory has been achieved and for the retention of the German colonies in the Pacific and no slackening of war efforts.

Indian Statesman Appeals to Turkey

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Bombay, December 24.—The Times of India has received a letter from an Indian statesman of high position pointing out that the hearts of Moslems in India are grieved to find the principal state of Islam at war with the British Empire and urging that Indian Moslems should jointly urge on Turkey the desirability of peace.

ASQUITH'S SON WOUNDED

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, December 24.—Brigadier Arthur Asquith, a son of the ex-Premier, has been severely wounded in France.

Gen. Pak Lik-fu to Talk At the Y.M.C.A. Jan. 2

General Pak Lik-fu, one of the heroes and founders of the Chinese Republic, will address the membership campaign workers and members at the final rally on January 2 at 8 p.m. in the Chinese Y. M. C. A. The very fact that this distinguished speaker, since his retirement from public life, has shunned the limelight a large crowd is expected. The General is well-known as a philanthropist and is an exceedingly active Y. M. C. A. member.

When the first revolutionary war broke out he was made commander of the troops in Anhui. In consideration of his great merits he was later appointed as Governor of that province.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR ARCHDEACON BYRDE

Special Correspondence to The China Press

Siangtan, Hunan, December 14.—A memorial service was held in St. Paul's Church, this city, yesterday afternoon for Archdeacon Byrde, who passed away at Yungchow, Hunan, on Monday afternoon, December 11. Rev. Lewis Byrde graduated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in 1892, and spent several years thereafter in the Student Volunteer Movement, of which he was one of the first secretaries in England.

He was ordained in 1893 and after finishing the Student Volunteer work he went of Kohalla, Hawaii, and was a missionary there for some time. He came to China nineteen years ago from Honolulu, and was first stationed at Kweilin, Kwangsi, from which point he hoped to gain entrance into Hunan. Here he lived six months upon a boat before being able to secure permanent residence in the city.

In 1908 he came to Yungchow in Southern Hunan. It was in that city that most of his work was done, except for one year when he substituted in Siangtan for a furloughed colleague and for some months in 1907 when he was working among Chinese students in Japan. He was made Archdeacon in 1914.

For several years he has been troubled with intestinal disease and it was an ulcer of the duodenum which caused his death last Monday. Archdeacon Byrde leaves a widow and four children, who are at the present time in England. He was a man of broad knowledge, sound judgment, unceasing zeal, and was greatly esteemed by both foreign and Chinese associates. The Memorial service was participated in by Bishop Banister and Rev. T. C. Ibbotson, of the Church Missionary Society, and Rev. A. P. Kepler and Rev. T. J. Preston of the American Presbyterian Mission.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. HAS ACTIVE CHRISTMAS

Several Entertainments Held, Lung Hwa Orphanage Benefitting From One

Christmas week to the Y.M.C.A. seems to have been the busiest and liveliest time of the year. At one of the many entertainments the Day School boys raised \$300 for the benefit of Lung Hwa Orphanage in Shanghai. In return they received a beautiful embroidered scroll on which is inscribed these words: "You have not forgotten us."

Besides the banquet and entertainments given to the 1,100 day and evening school boys on Christmas Eve, the Bible Class staff got up an attractive program on the evening of December 26 to entertain 400 other boys and members, in which was also included the membership campaign rally for the third week. Some of the items of the program for the evening were:

1. Introductory speech by Mr. K. S. Zee, the generalissimo of the campaign.
2. Quartette by G. A. Fitch, A. Loehr, J. W. Dovey and R. D. Stafford.
3. Piano solo by Miss Clara Tsao, daughter of General Secretary Tsao.
4. Vocal solo by Allen Loehr.
5. An address by Pastor T. K. Wong of the Shanghai Grace Baptist Church on the "Spirit of Yuletide."
6. Films demonstrating "Lodging

on the Alps" and "Life in the Newspaper World in the United States." The latter proved to be a picture of unusual interest in that it shows the various intricacies and multiplicities of a modern newspaper at work and gives the ordinary layman a good idea of how a newspaper is evolved from the moment the hustling reporter starts to get the news until it is put on the news-stand.

At this week's rally, the captains of the membership campaign reported that the number of new members has been increased to 700 and total fees collected to \$9,035. Prizes for the campaign will be distributed on January 19 at the membership banquet, in which many gold medals, gold watches, and silver cups will be awarded to the campaign workers.

BRUGES DOCKS BOMBED

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 25.—The Admiralty reports: On the night of the 23rd-24th our aircraft dropped three tons of explosives on Bruges Docks and 1½ tons on the aerodromes at St. Denis Westrem and Ghistelles. All our machines returned.

London, December 23.—The Admiralty reports: Last night our aircraft dropped six tons of bombs on the aerodromes at St. Denis Westrem, Marikerke and Oostacker. Good shooting was made. All our machines have returned.

TENGCHOWFU GIRLS' SCHOOL 50 YEARS OLD

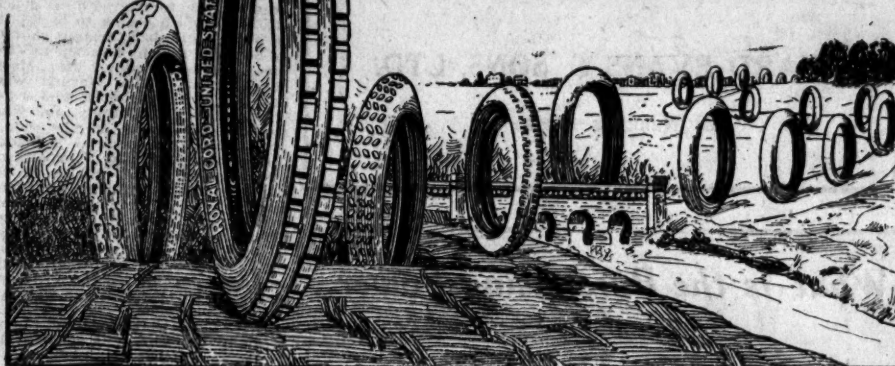
Special Correspondence to The China Press

Tengchowfu, December 19.—A most interesting program was rendered last Tuesday in the Tengchowfu city church before a large and appreciative audience. Since the establishment of the Tengchowfu Girls' High school fifty

years ago, this year has seen the largest number of students, numbering fourteen who completed their full course of study. Eight of these were from the Tengchowfu and six from the Chefoo districts. Three plan to pursue the study of medicine while the remainder plan to teach and become bible-women. Three of the graduates were daughters of elders. Each graduate was presented with a diploma, Old and New Testament and a photo of Pastor Ding Li-mei, who has been

holding most successful revival meetings in Tengchowfu for the past two weeks. Four pastors, two foreign, two Chinese, two elders, two foreign principals, took part in the exercises. Each graduate bore testimony as to her aim in life. Within the last seven years thirty-seven have been graduated from the school. A farewell program was given at the school by the students in the evening, consisting of piano solos, duets, readings and farewell songs.

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GREEN TENT IN FLANDERS

A Green Tent in Flanders. By Maud Mortimer. Illustrated by the author. New York: Doubleday, Page and Co. \$1.25 (gold).

Temperament and individuality differentiate this book widely from all the many other books that have been written about hospital service in Europe. They warm it with color and inspire it with a vitality that allures and interests the reader and makes him see vistas beyond the scenes described in its pages. The author, who is an American woman, served in a field hospital in Belgium five miles back of the firing line, spending there three months during the Winter of 1916. Sometimes the picture of a day's work, or of a wounded soldier, or an incident, is like a photographic snapshot, bald, outright, and mercilessly true. Sometimes it is an impressionistic sketch in whose color values and poetic suggestions are half glimpsed truths of life and death. Or again it is like one of the clever pen-ink drawings from the author's own hand that illustrate the text, clear, exact, and revealing, but done with artistic insight and skill. There are stories of the wounded poets, descriptions of nurses, doctors, chauffeurs, tales of the daily life. But the artistic vision, the philosophic tendency of mind, and the quiet humor make it all as different from an ordinary chronicle of hospital service as a statue is different from a block of marble. Interesting in view of the discussion that pops up now and then as to

whether or not Americans in France offend French susceptibilities as these reflections of the author upon the contrasting temperaments of the Frenchman and the American:

"A Frenchman can never realize our American fundamental naivete. He is not simple himself, but proud and complex. He is annoyed by what he thinks our incomprehensible lack of reserve and form, when it is nothing but a degree of national opaqueness to one kind of light. The French cherish the bureaucrat in all his forms and numbers. Young Americans hate restraint. They lightly undertake all that comes their way, but somewhat reluctantly go clear-eyed to the logical end of an endeavor. At home our antennae have not needed to become sensitized to foreign reaction; there has been plenty of room for contemptuous indifference and we have little real flexibility. Our facile assumption and self-confidence, our deep, instinctive suspicion of all that is not American, brought cheek by jowl with the keen French mind, its unformulated but rigid traditions of manner and speech, its bottomless reserves, its dire thoroughness of method and almost equally strong distrust—to say nothing of its humorous compassion—for all that is not French, put the easy-going American at a disadvantage. When not happily unconscious he is tried by what he cannot quite size up. We Americans still trail nebulous envelopes, while pressure has solidified and crystallized the French."

THE SECOND FIDDLE

The Second Fiddle. By Phyllis Bottome. Illustrated. New York: The Century Company. \$1.35. (gold).

Phyllis Bottome's new novel offers an admirable example of the combination of a conventional plot with entertaining dialogue and basically sound psychology to form a readable novel, written in a consistently pleasing style. It is a book which ought to be popular, for it is bright, pleasant, clever, and, in spite of its baldness and improbabilities of incident, the course of the story remains interesting.

Yet the plot itself is conventional to the point of obviousness. Sir Julian Vernet, an explorer, courageous, stubborn, but as yet unconquered, self-will, is engaged to Marian Young, beautiful, clever, charming, with delicate aloofness which seems to be all that is lovely until sharp testing shows it to be mere selfish detachment from the generous things of life. Marian has a friend, Stella Waring, whose father is an Egyptologist, who scarcely knows he has a family, and whose mother's sentiments on the non-importance of the material sufficiently destroy the possibility of making any sort of a real home. Stella, in consequence, is the financial and moral mainstay of the family, a quiet, hard-working girl, in whom continued self-denial has never destroyed the springs of deep and warm personal feeling. Stella, overworked and "put upon," has never become colorless. Instead, she has learned a vast and wise sympathy.

Given these characters, and the outbreak of the war, it is entirely plain to the reader that Sir Julian is going to be badly wounded; that marriage to Marian will be impossible; that he is going to fall in love with Stella, and that, in spite of his disfigurement, they are going—after some hitches—to marry and live happily ever after. The reader's enjoyment of the story can be in no wise lessened by this resume of the superficial elements of the plot, for no reader could avoid guessing them. But—and this is the point which must be emphasized—the reader's enjoyment of "The Second Fiddle" is really going to be marked. The incident is interesting enough; for the rest, it does not matter.

For, in the first place, the characters are interesting. They may or may not be probable. Stella herself, who is altogether lovable, does seem a bit too perfect to be true; but on the other hand, the author wisely shows us Julian's weaknesses; and Julian's mother is a notable addition to the group. Stella's employer is sharply visualized, and Stella's parents are amusing. Stella's sister, however, who plays a somewhat forced part as an obstacle to the fulfillment of Stella's romance, is an impossible person who is not interesting at all. But, on the whole, the characters do hold the reader's attention, the conversation is always clever. Miss Bottome's style, as readers of her earlier books know, has charm and brightness and leisure, it has a too sympathetic but sympathy forms the whole subjective theme of the book.

For the human development of "The Second Fiddle" is based upon the sound, and often neglected, psychological fact that sympathy is not pity; that a man who is "down" for one reason or another may cry out to heaven in agony in the senseless added torture of thoughtless people's "effort to help"; that out of love and understanding—and out of nothing else in the world—human beings raise their hurt comrades from pain and defeat to human brotherhood and sanity and triumph once more. That is the theme of "The Second Fiddle."

And it is that which lifts the book from the conventional of its incident and the mere pleasantness of its romance to a place among novels that are not only readable but worth reading. Stella remakes Julian's broken life. Literally she heals his brokenness; she cannot take away his physical crippling; she does it because she is a wise, kind, sympathetic woman, who knows what not to say and do, when wounds must not be touched, when they can be touched with healing. She does not pity Julian; she cares for him. And therein lies the fitness of her story.

PALESTINE

Palestine. By A. M. Hyamson. Illustrated. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$1.50 (gold).

Palestine, Christianity's cradle, has experienced as many terrible vicissitudes of fortune as any other portion of the earth. The Jews, driven from power by the Romans, became a subject people; the Roman Empire's fall passed the region into other hands; Mohammedanism's westward sweep forced it into Islam's maw, and the Christian world's holy places were in infidel hands. Crusading forces wrested Jerusalem from the profane, and Frankish kingdoms, on a feudal basis, ruled the land for a time. But the Moslem proved too strong for these brave men, handicapped as they were in many ways, and the Turk eventually conquered Palestine, where he has made good his sway until last week.

Various as were these conquerors, each one of them oppressed the native Jew, Roman and Frank and Turk ill treated him and exploited the country for their personal gain. From a land flowing with milk and honey the place became a desert; from being a garden spot, its barren wastes lay worthless under Turkish rule, never a good one in a conquered land. Palestine as a country was exhausted and fallow; as a race the Jew dwelt in a foreign land where he spoke alien tongues.

On account of persecutions in their new homes or a desire for the land which their religion promised them, Jews commenced returning to Palestine. Napoleon, whose Egyptian dream of empire led him thither, promised the land to its original owners if he conquered it. The first Jews to return found the country in a terrible state; these initial attempts at repatriation were failures.

Jewry throughout the world grew interested in the idea. The spirit of Zionism arose. Jewish colonists returning to Palestine were encouraged by such societies as the Choveve Zion (Lovers of Zion) and the Ica (Jewish Colonization Society). Great Jews Sir Moses Montefiore, Baron Edmond de Rothschild, and Baron Maurice de Hirsch among others, aided the movement. Jewish colonies were fostered on a sound basis; the land was tilled and exploited properly. Then the great Zionist, Theodore Herzl, and his followers gave the idea a national trend that Palestine was the home for the Jews as a people. The movement grew, and at the great war's outbreak Palestine was beginning to find itself, its colonies were self-supporting and valuable, and the Jew was beginning to dwell in and reclaim his home.

Mr. Hyamson gives the account of this land's history, economic and political, in his book "Palestine." The volume attempts to extract from the experience of history the lesson out of which profit may be obtained in the future. The story of eighteen centuries of retrogression has been told; but in far greater detail has been described the revival which is not more than a generation in age. Mr. Hyamson has done his task thoroughly. His book contains all the information necessary on the subject, handled with a nice sense of relative values in a style that is somewhat heavy. The coming peace conference must devote some time and thought to Palestine. This volume is a timely contribution to the knowledge that will place the future on a satisfactory basis.

THE BLUE STREAK

The Blue Streak. By Jack Hines. New York: George H. Doran Company. \$1.35. (gold).

This is a book of dog stories. The malamutes, wolf-bred hunters of the ice-bound trail, figure as the heroes; and each tale gives evidence of their powerful instincts, their indomitable faithfulness, their adventurous courage. The struggles

are for the most part those with the bitter weather of their northland: a fight to win home, or a thrilling rescue, in which the dogs are frequently their masters' leaders. There are as well tales of how a man patterns his conduct according to the instinct of his dog, or of a battle in a courtroom between sheep owners and dog men.

They are convincingly written because they are not well written. If done in a facile style they would probably be accepted as merely entertaining. But the very faults of redundancy and sentimentalism and occasional failure of action are faults natural to a story-teller who is engaged rather in showing the bravery, beauty, and cleverness of his beloved thoroughbreds than in producing a finished tale. Not the least value of the book is the neat way in which it is gotten up. The typography is exceptional and it is simply and attractively bound.

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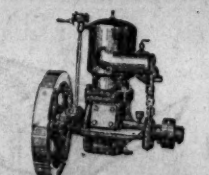
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TWO MONTHS' SENTENCE IN EMBEZZLEMENT CASE

George Honniball Found Guilty In British Police Court; Denies He Received Sum Charged

A sentence of two months at hard labor was served in the British Police Court yesterday on George Honniball, found guilty of embezzling sums of \$27 and \$200 from the Methodist Publishing House.

Mr. Honniball was formerly employed by the Publishing House and, as Mr. K. E. Newman outlined in opening the case, was accused of receiving the two amounts from Mr. Peter Klynn of the Vacuum Oil Co. and Mr. C. Eddie of Eddie and Co., of giving receipts for them and failing to turn in the money. A notation made by Mr. Klynn on a delivery memo returned by a coolie whom the defendant ordered to bring the money, led to the discovery of the fraud. The second charge was that the defendant had collected \$200 from Mr. Eddie for an order of price lists, giving a receipt. After Mr. Eddie's testimony the defendant declared that he had only received \$100.

Mr. W. I. Lacy, manager of the Publishing House, testified that he questioned Honniball after making an investigation on December 11 and that the latter had said, "I am glad you sent for me, as I have been trying to get up my courage to come and tell you about these accounts." He had then told Mr. Lacy that he had become financially involved at the "Wheel" and had taken the money because of this, but that it was the first time he had ever been dishonest. Mr. Lacy said he had told the defendant that he did not want to ruin his prospects in life or his family and would rather not prosecute him. The defendant said he was certain the matter would not run over \$300 and promised to send an itemised list, but had not done so and later the firm learned that he was about to leave Shanghai. According to later testimony by the accused there was an arrangement whereby he was to repay at the rate of \$50 a month.

Mr. Eddie then gave evidence and when questioned by the defendant denied that he had only paid him \$100.

In the box the defendant said that it was not a case of premeditated embezzlement. At the time he was greatly in need of money and took it for his own use. Mr. Eddie had only paid him \$100. This was at the Astor Grill and the next day he had given Mr. Eddie a receipt for the full amount.

"Why did you give him a receipt for \$200?" asked the Court.

"Because he asked for it," replied the witness.

"But without paying the other \$100?"

"That was the agreement come to in the Astor Grill the previous night, that he should settle his account for \$100 and I should give him a receipt for \$200," said Honniball.

"Do you suggest that Eddie knew that you were putting it into your own pocket?" asked the Magistrate.

"He did not ask," replied the witness. "He could have had his own suspicions."

"Is it right that the 'Wheel' is the cause of your doing this?" inquired the Court.

"Partly the 'Wheel,' was the answer.

Questioned by Mr. Newman, the witness said that the arrangement was suggested by Eddie and that he had told the latter he would give him a receipt for \$200. The defendant stated that he was 45 years old and was married, with a large family de-

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By Tad



THE MESSRS. EZRA WIN BOTH HOLIDAY HUNTS

Rosewood & Touchwood Bring Riders Home On Xmas And Boxing Days

Those well-known constellations, the Heavenly Twins, were emphatically in the ascendant during the holidays just past, as the cards for the Christmas and Boxing Day Paper Hunt's attest. Mr. I. Ezra on Rosewood scampered home with the bacon in the big Yule day 'unt and Mr. J. I. Ezra and Touchwood claimed first place on the succeeding afternoon.

The bitter cold and some dusty country made the hunting not altogether idyllic for the pack and there was plenty of shivering on the far side of water-jumps and wades. Details of the grief and of the chase are unavoidably denied for this issue, owing to restricted space, but will appear in the Sunday "Pink" in "Johnnie's" usual breezy style. The "Unt's first casualty of the season is reported for the Boxing Day event, Mr. Heriotsen acquiring a fractured collar bone at the finish.

The cards for the two days read: Christmas Hunt.

1. I. Ezra on Rosewood.
2. E. S. Benbow Rowe on Isis.
3. (H. W.) F. W. Potter on Bennie Boy.
4. Mr. W. C. Crockam on Rushton Park.
5. Mr. S. Braal Sorensen on Anglo-Dane.
6. Mr. T. G. Drakeford on Sea Swallow.

Today's Dance Program

The following program of dance music will be played by the Band at the Town Hall beginning at 5.30 p.m. today:

1. Waltz "Sheila"..... Neno
 2. One Step "At the Ball, That's All"..... Hill
 3. Waltz "Oh! Oh! Delphine"..... Caryll
 4. One Step "I'd Like to be on an Island with You" Gumble
 5. Waltz "Sunshine and Roses"..... Van Alstyne
 6. One Step "Smother Me with Kisses"..... Carroll
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Hunt laid by Messrs. D. W. Crawford and Martin Little.

Boxing Day Hunt

1. Mr. J. I. Ezra on Touchwood.
2. Mr. A. Knoll on Caruso.
3. Mr. T. S. Law on Black Jester.
4. Mr. E. B. Rose on Tokuh.
5. Mr. C. C. Boyd on Pepperbox.
6. Mr. A. Commons on The Card.

Hunt laid by Mr. E. S. Benbow Rowe.

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Golf

The draw for the first round of the championship of the Junior Golf Club championship which is to be played—36 holes, match play—on or before January 6, 1918, is as follows:

1. T. W. Mitchell v. A. Mackintosh.
2. P. W. Reeves v. H. E. S. Pickering.
3. F. George v. E. C. Aitkenhead.
4. A. Bek v. E. Noakes.
5. J. Quayle v. T. Spring.
6. C. Matthews v. G. B. Stormes.
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8. C. Richards v. A. M. McGregor.

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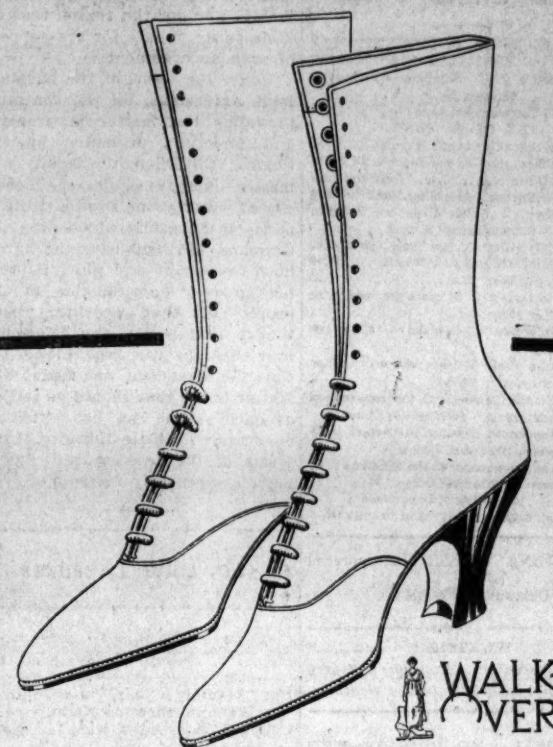
The December revolver competition will close next Monday. One of the Expert Members has kindly presented a .38 Cal. Officers Model revolver and case for the grand aggregate of total scores made in 1918. It is hoped that all members who have passed the preliminary test will enter in the Experts and Marksmen's monthly competition as that is the surest way of becoming a proficient revolver shot.

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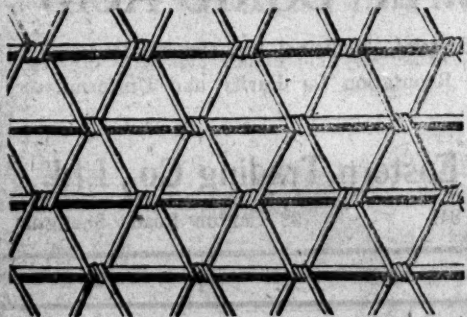
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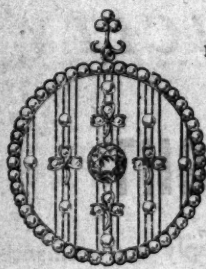
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The Food-Value of Oranges

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"We who live in a more favored clime find in the orange and other citrus fruits an abundant supply of the most delicate and wholesome of all food acids. The sugar of the orange, like its acid, has the advantage that it is prepared for immediate assimilation and requires no digestion. It does not need to pass through the digestive organs except for the purpose of dilution. It is to the sugar which it contains that

the orange owes its chief value as a source of nutriment, although it contains, in addition to the sugars and soluble carbohydrates, nearly 1 per cent, of protein. The combined value of its food-constituents amounts to 240 calories, or food-units, per pound—a value which will be best appreciated by comparison with other similar foodstuffs.

"Thus, while the orange is always a grateful addition to any ordinary bill of fare, it also has nourishment qualities to highly commend it."

In addition, Dr. Kellogg goes on to say, the orange has great value as a food adapted to certain grave conditions of disease, although its virtues in this respect are little appreciated by the public and far less often utilized by medical men than they deserve. Here are a few of its medical uses, as set forth by the author:

"As a food in fever cases, nothing could be more perfectly suited to requirements of the patient's condition. The fever patient needs water to carry off poisons which are burning him up and against which his cells and organs are struggling. Four to six quarts of water are needed daily to quench the fever's fires and aid elimination through the skin and kidneys.

"Orange-juice supplies the finest sort of pure, distilled water, absolutely free from germs or foreign matters of any sort. The grateful acids furnish aid in satisfying thirst, and the agreeable flavor makes it possible for the patient to swallow the amount needed. The intense toxemia from which the fever patient suffers coats his tongue and often destroys his thirst for water as well as his desire for food. The agreeable flavor of orange-juice aids greatly in overcoming this obstacle.

"Another special and valuable property of orange-juice is the small amount of protein or albuminous matter which it contains. Fever patients have little gastric juice and very small digestive power, and so need to take food which is ready for absorption and immediate use. Foods poor in albumen are also needful in fevers, because they do not leave residues to undergo putrefaction in the colon, as do meat, eggs, and numerous other foods.

"Another class of cases in which orange-juice is almost indispensable is found in those most unfortunate and suffering from malnutrition—the bottle-fed babies. Usually fed on pasteurized or sterilized milk, these unhappy little ones seldom fail to show marked evidence of malnutrition. They are, indeed, not infrequently victims of scurvy, rickets, or pellagra. The investigations of Funk, McCollum, and many others have shown that the emaciation, weakness, arrest of growth, and general malnutrition in such cases are due to absence from their food of the essential 'vitamines.'

"A few years ago the fortunate discovery was made that orange-juice contains elements need to supplement the bottle-fed baby's dietary, resulting in immediate resumption of growth and a speedy return to health. This remarkable transformation may occur, not only in human infants, but in young animals upon whom the orange-juice feeding experiment has been often repeated.

"The diet of the average man, made up chiefly of white bread, meat, and potatoes, is decidedly deficient in 'vitamines.' Orange-juice is needed to supplement these defective dietaries and might, with the greatest advantage, find a place on every table at least once a day.

"The acid of orange-juice and the sugars it contains aid digestion by stimulating the gastric glands to increased activity. It is also an appetizer of the first quality.

"A glassful of orange-juice before breakfast has a decided laxative effect with many persons. Sometimes it is advantageous to take a glassful of orange-juice at bedtime as well as in the morning."

All Over The World

The United States Government will, in all probability, place a third Liberty Loan in February of next year, and, as the second was more successful than the first, it is reasonable to assume that the third will be more successful still. How much greater the over-subscription on the loans thus far floated might have been if everybody asked to purchase them had understood what they were, it is impossible to say. But in a great cosmopolitan population there must have been many who did not grasp what the canvassers were talking about. People are telling, for instance, of one woman who, after she had been visited in the interest of the second Liberty Loan, called on a neighbor and thus related her experience: "Shoot tink, it was a man by my house vat want to sell me a livery barn! Vat vill I make mit a livery barn, ven I got no horse?"

The note addressed by Mr. Balfour to Lord Rothschild sanctioning the restoration of Palestine to the Jews was, it is particularly interesting to note, written on November 2, though published on the 9th, and the 2nd of November was the day on which the attack on Gaza began. It is a triumph for the Chovevi Zion, those associations of the "lovers of Zion," the modern representatives of the old dream of Jewish restoration. The first congress held by them was in 1897 at Basel, when the national idea was revived, and the Jewish "flag" raised. Since Mr. Balfour's intimation was sent to Lord Rothschild, Gaza and Jerusalem have fallen to the British; a seal of certainty to the British Government's promise, bringing within measurable distance the realization of the Jews' old longing for the land of their fathers.

Appropos of the disposition in many quarters to criticize the Allies for alleged mistakes, it may not be amiss to recall what General Grant once said in reply to a correspondent who felt constrained to refer to the "numerous blunders" on the Un'on side. This reply was to the effect that while things were not altogether lovely in the Northern camps, there was at least a possibility that things were not any better in the camps of the enemy; so that, really, there was no serious cause for alarm on this score.

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(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, December 25.—In a Christmas message to Cardinal Vannutelli the Pope expresses regret that his efforts to effect a reconciliation of the belligerents have been in vain, nevertheless he would continue his mission for peace throughout the world despite all obstacles.

The present calamity would never cease until men and society return to God. In these days we may go in the footsteps of Christ to Jerusalem. Human counsels and Divine designs have advanced together, the former subjugating countries and the latter granting the age-long prayer of our fathers in giving back to Christianity the sacred places where the blood of the Redeemer was poured out. Jerusalem, the sacred city of the blessed vision of peace, lifts to God a hymn of exultation, gratitude and love. All must see that the events just accomplished in Jerusalem have a special language which strengthens the invitation we address to people to return to God because if Jerusalem were blessed not those who came in the name of arms but who came in the name of the Lord.

London, December 25.—His Majesty the King followed the Majesty of the Christmas Day message to the Navy and Army.

"Heartiest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I realize your hardships, patiently and cheerfully borne, and rejoice in the successes you have won so nobly. The Nation stands faithful to its pledges and is resolute to fulfill them. God bless your efforts and give us victory."

Their Majesties have also issued the following message:

"Our thoughts at Christmas are with the sick and wounded soldiers and sailors. We know by personal experience the patience and cheerfulness with which their suffering is borne and wish them all a speedy restoration to health, a restful Christmas-tide and brighter days to come."

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, acknowledging the King's Christmas message, assures His Majesty of the determination of the forces under his command to fight in defence of the integrity and honor of the empire until final victory has been secured.

Sir Douglas Haig in a special order to the British Armies in France says: "Our victories and successes have been very considerable and might well have led to an early and complete victory but for the Russian collapse. It behooves us to harden our hearts and steel ourselves to further effort. I have every confidence that the same courage and determination in the past will be forthcoming to meet the further demands for the safety of our hearths and homes in the coming year."

Sir Douglas Haig further sent messages to the Governors-General of the Dominions and the Governor-General of Newfoundland conveying the season's heartiest good wishes of all ranks to the respective countries.

He also sent messages to the Commanders-in-Chief in India and the centers of operations outside France conveying the greetings of the British Army in France to their comrades.

General Sir Edmund Allenby in a message to General Pershing says: "The British troops in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve send their American comrades a message of greeting and hope that, through the achievement of their common purpose, the law of force may yield to the force of law and peace and goodwill reign at length on earth."

JAPANESE DIET OPENED

(Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press)

Tokyo, December 27.—The Emperor in person opened the 40th session of the Diet this morning.

In the speech from the Throne he emphasized the necessity for measures for strong co-operation with the Allies in coping with the war situation.

The House of Peers and the House of Representatives, after voting the replies to the Imperial speech, go into recess till January 20.



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News Briefs

The marriage of Miss Alix Lenox Simpson, youngest sister of Mr. B. L. Simpson, (Putman Weale), to Major General W. H. Grey, a cousin of Viscount Grey, took place at the British Consulate in Paris October 31, according to English papers. The groom left immediately with the British army detached to reinforce the Italians.

The bride, who is twenty-three years old, was born in Swatow and was a resident of Tientsin for many years when her father was the Tientsin Customs Commissioner.

Lieutenant "Tommy" Hutchison, of the Third Oxford and Bucks, Light Infantry, has been promoted to captain, according to word received here.

The Chinese Post Office notifies the public that on January 1 the Post Office will be open from 8.30 a.m. until noon and on January 2 and 3 business will be the same as Sundays. The Parcel office will be closed during these three days.

The Rev. E. E. Lobenstein will address the American Song Service next Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock at the Palace Hotel. He will give a New Year's address and Mrs. J. H. Black will sing. At the last Song Service a collection was taken for the equipment of a sick room at the American School as a Christmas gift. The total amount subscribed was \$159.90.

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday and Tuesday next on account of the New Year holidays.

Dr. H. Chatley will read a paper on "Floods and Flood Prevention" at the next meeting of the Engineering Society of China, to be held in the Royal Asiatic Society lecture hall at 5.30 p.m., January 15.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha and the May Sun Printing Company have courteously sent THE CHINA PRESS handsome calendars for 1918.

Dance Music Today

The following program of dance music will be played by the Band at the Town Hall this evening, beginning at 8.30.

- 1.—Waltz "Sheila" Nemo.
- 2.—One Step "At the Ball that's all" Hill.
- 3.—Waltz "Oh! Oh! Delphine" Caryll.
- 4.—One Step "I'd like to be on an island with you" Gumble.
- 5.—Waltz "Sunshine and Roses" van Alostyne.
- 6.—One Step "Smother me with Kisses" Carroll.

A. de Kryger, Conductor-in-Charge.

GERMANS' DEPENDENCE ON ALLIES IS SHOWN

Can Get Its Economic Necessities Only By Restitution And Reparation

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 26.—Germany misses no occasion to speak of the geographical war map of Europe but never mentions the economic map. The reason is that she realises her famous conception of "Mittel Europa" could not cope with an eventual economic co-operation of the Allies.

According to the figures for 1913, the last normal year, one sees Germany is absolutely tributary to the nations of the Entente from the economic point of view and trading with Germany's Allies and neutrals would not suffice for it.

Germany imported in 1913 from the countries of the Entente, Russia excluded, goods representing about sixty per cent, at least, of her total commerce and exported to those countries goods representing about fifty-five per cent of her exportation commerce. Out of the 10,000 million marks of goods imported annually by Germany before the war, more than 3,000 millions applied to foodstuffs and goods for current consumption. On the other hand 5,000 millions represented raw materials. Without these imports German industries could not export the 6,000 million marks of goods she sold to the countries of the Entente.

By trading among themselves the Allies could replace their traffic with Germany but neither Austria, Turkey, Russia nor neutral countries are able to supply Germany with the wool, cotton, metals, india-rubber, and numerous other articles which keep her industries going. Without the Allies Germany is doomed to economic death.

Paris, December 24.—The recent conference in Paris strongly reinforced the economic union of the Entente in creating Inter-allied Committees for the exchange of transport and manufactures of war. Besides, there are no longer several national navies but only one Allied navy and there is only one office for the purchase and distribution of raw materials in proportion to needs.

Then the economic union of the nations of the Entente is a powerful weapon against Germany. The economic war map shows the immense superiority of the Allies. Nearly all textiles, metals, oleaginous seeds, india rubber and other stuffs belong to them. Before the war the Central Empires imported 6,000 million francs of raw materials and 3,000 million francs of foodstuffs. Now the blockade, which is still more effective, deprives the Central Empires of those goods and, as they cannot provide them themselves after the war, their manufacturers cannot reopen, which means their economic ruin. Therefore if they wish the Entente to allow them to revictualize they have but to accept the Allies' conditions, restitution of the invaded countries and reparation for the damages caused.

British War Films

On Boxing Night the Olympic Theater was crowded, when another set of British Official War Films was screened. This time the two principal pictures were the "Battle of Arras" and "The King's Visit to the Grand Fleet." Other films depicted "German Prisoners of War," "The Tanks," and "More Tanks."

All the pictures were remarkably clear and most of the scenes of real historic interest. It would be difficult to imagine anything more extraordinary than the work of the big guns; or anything more inspiring than the fine dash of the British Tommy; and above all anything more inspiring than the supreme confidence with which Tommy and Jack went about their work.

Besides the excellent pictures, that bundle of energy, Mr. S. J. Deeks, had got a tip-top vaudeville show together, which he stage managed to fine effect. He introduced Mrs. Godby to the big audience, and her beautiful voice was well shown off in Tosti's "Good Bye" and "God Send You Back to Me."

It was a treat to see Mrs. S. Gilbert back again and dancing about the cross roads as nimbly as ever. She had a rousing encore. The Pipe and Drum item was a great idea but it was not as great as Mr. K. Begon's dancing which followed. He was dressed in an Irish costume and seemed to just float about the stage in the most harmonious manner.

The last variety item was Silas and his piano. He did everything it is possible to do and finished up with a clever parody on "Over There," the audience showed its appreciation with a lot of gusto.

Counsel for Dreyfus To Defend Caillaux

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 24.—General Davail has signed the order for hearing the charges against ex-Premier Caillaux. Deputy Loustalot and M. Comby.

M. Caillaux will be defended by M. de Mange, the defender of Dreyfus. M. Comby is an ex-barrister. It is alleged that he accompanied Deputy Loustalot to Switzerland to set the ex-Khedive of Egypt and was present at the interviews.

Deputy Loustalot and Signor Cavallini, formerly a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, are now under arrest in Rome.

JAPANESE TRADE FIGURES

(Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press)

Tokyo, December 25.—The trade with China during the second ten days of December totalled in exports, Y.7,232,000, and in imports, Y.7,167,000, making the total exports to China since January 1 Y.279,969,000 and the total imports from China Y.102,192,000.

SHANGHAI ADDS 554 TO AMERICAN RED CROSS

Christmas Drive For Ten Million New Members Has Good Response Here

The Christmas American Red Cross membership drive ended Christmas day, voted a complete success, considering the shortness of the campaign here.

Consul-General Sammons on the afternoon of the 25th cabled headquarters in Washington to add 554 names toward the 10,000,000 goal, thus making Shanghai the biggest center of the society in the Far East, bar Manila.

Included among the local subscriptions were two "patron's" memberships, at \$100 each, and 23 life memberships.

"I think we are to be congratulated on the outcome of the drive," said Consul-General Sammons. "Taking into consideration the shortness of the notice, the response was very gratifying."

A number of subscriptions have been received since the report to Washington and members of the American community are reminded that the close of the "Christmas drive" does not signify that more members are not wanted.

ADVANCE IN PALESTINE

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 23.—An official despatch from Palestine reports:

Our troops on the extreme left, with the co-operation of the Navy, on Saturday continued their advance northward of the Nahr-el-Azza, reaching the line Shush el Balfah—El Jell, four miles northward of the river. They occupied Fejja and Mul Ebbis, southward of the river, and also Rantieh, Khel Belda and Khel Barih.

Two and a half tons of bombs were dropped on the retreating enemy, causing many casualties. Many bombs were also dropped on rolling-stock and transport and machine-guns also fired 6,000 rounds into a column of enemy troops at short range.

Amsterdam, December 23.—Reporting the fate of the German institutions at Jerusalem, a Berlin semi-official communication states that the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria Institution on the Mount of Olives and the Paulus Hospice have not been occupied by the British and their staffs are remaining there and have not been disturbed.

JAPANESE AID FLOOD RELIEF

(Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press)

Tokyo, December 26.—The Japanese Red Cross Society has contributed Y.500 (?) to the fund for the relief of the sufferers from the floods at Tientsin.

Obituary

Mrs. George D. Counts
The funeral of Mrs. George D. Counts, who died on Christmas Day at her home, 12 Slocum Road, was held yesterday afternoon at Bubbling Well Cemetery.

Services were conducted at the Cemetery by Dean Walker and a large number of mourning friends attended.
Mrs. Counts was the wife of Mr. George D. Counts, prominent local broker, and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Shanghai. She was 38 years old and leaves one daughter, Miss Billy Counts. The cause of death was cancer.

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Harbin, Nov. 19.—Some ten days ago there was a strike in Vladivostok among the railway workmen employed in unloading the new American goods cars that are now continually arriving from the United States, and also among those employed in the railway shops setting up these cars. The men had been out some three or four days when they were approached by the railway authorities about making terms, and it was mutually agreed to appoint representatives from both sides to arbitrate, the strikers in the meantime agreeing to resume work.

The British, Japanese and Norwegian Consuls had also intervened on account of demurrage on the steamers arriving with these goods cars and which were unable to discharge their cargo on account of the strike. It is presumed that no satisfactory settlement was arrived at as General Horvath, the Director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, received an urgent telegram calling him to Vladivostok.

It is sincerely hoped that this strike will be short-lived for these new American trucks are very badly needed as transport in Russia is wholly inadequate. The lack of adequate transportation this winter will mean famine in many parts of Russia. In a month or so the dominant factor in Russia will neither be Kerensky and the Minimalists, or Lenin and the Maximalists but a food crisis, followed by famine.

Already we have actual signs of it, even in Eastern Siberia, and notwithstanding the proximity of the rich agricultural districts of Tomsk and Omsk, the allotment committee at Irkutsk has found it necessary to send an urgent telegram to the Harbin authorities asking them to despatch immediately 15 carloads of flour daily to the former town as otherwise there will be no bread available in that city. Other towns in Eastern Siberia are also threatened with a dearth of flour and have likewise appealed to Harbin to help them.

Face Food Problem

That the Russian authorities in Harbin will do what they can there is no doubt, but at the same time they cannot ship away large quantities of flour and cause a shortage here, seeing that there is a Russian population now, thanks to the unceasing arrival of refugees, of some 60,000 souls. It is true that Harbin possesses more flour mills than are actually necessary for the needs of the population in Northern Manchuria and is able to export flour provided enough wheat is available at reasonable prices. But speculators, both Russian and Chinese, have been so active that prices for Manchurian grown wheat rose by leaps and bounds, and in consequence, the Harbin Food Control Committee placed an order in Tomsk for a million pounds of Siberian wheat, which actually cost them, including transportation charge, less than the inferior Manchurian wheat.

As there are visible signs of bread famine in Siberian towns situated at no great distances from wheat-producing centers it is more than probable that the state of affairs in other towns situated in the heart of Russia is even more acute. The American Railway Commission headed by Mr. Stevens who is still in the country, at once realized that it was imperative to improve the means of transportation not only by ordering tens of thousands of new railway cars from America, but also by bringing out a veritable army of traffic experts from the United States to act as instructors to the Russian railway traffic officials.

Several hundred of these up-to-date American railway men will shortly be distributed along the whole Trans-Siberian route as well as on the other railways in Russia and a marked improvement will take place provided a free hand is given to these instructors and order is preserved.

Stores Are Closed

Harbin's leading emporium, Chooria & Company, which does an enormous retail trade, has been closed for the last few days owing to their employees going on strike, the reason of course being that they want

Honor Squad Men Drive Police Gift Ambulance At Front



This picture shows the ambulance which the policemen of the City of New York a few months ago presented to the American Field Service at the front in France. Beside the ambulance stands Sergeant Martin

Owens, of the New York Police Honor Squad, who is driving it. The picture was taken a short time ago by one of the driver's associates. Owens and his ambulance have already made a record for themselves.

In a recent letter to his old friends on the force the sergeant wrote that he had been transferred from work back of the lines to front line service. He is enlisted to drive the car for the duration of the war.

increased wages. As the partners of this business concern are all in Moscow the matter is not likely to be settled for some little time.

Owing to the steady influx of Russian refugees into the towns, coupled with the difficulty the Russian shopkeepers are experiencing in getting suitable goods to replenish their depleted stocks, within a very few months most of the Russian shops may cease to exist and residents will be forced to patronize Chinese and Japanese-owned stores, which are now appearing in ever increasing numbers.

A special commission has been appointed to inquire into the question of stocks held by Russian merchants in their godowns, etc., with a view to taking over everything that may be thought necessary at fixed prices, which practically means that the goods will be requisitioned by the authorities. On account of these classes of goods also being stocked by foreign, Japanese and Chinese firms over whom the Commission has no control or jurisdiction, the Russian merchants are naturally up in arms against being forced to surrender their wares at fixed prices, which will cause them losses, whilst non-Russians will benefit considerably if such a thing takes place.

The choristers of one of the churches here have taken into their heads to go on strike, evidently they wish to follow the fashion.

Constituent Assembly Election

Within a few days the election of a delegate for the Chinese Eastern Railway area to the proposed new Constituent Assembly will take

place. There are four candidates on all, General Horvath representing the Constitutional Democrats-Cadet party; Wolfvitch, chairman of the Executive Committee, and nominee of the Social Revolutionists; Ruettin, representing the Bolshevik section of the Social-Democrats; and Strelkoff, representing the Minimalist section of the Social-Democrats.

Notwithstanding the chaos that exists in Russia, canvassing on the part of the different groups is taking place and the supporters of General Horvath especially are showing considerable energy. General Horvath is the favorite candidate, though both Ruettin and Wolfvitch have their supporters. Hardly anything is known by the public about Strelkoff, who was nominated by the Railway League, and the question is being asked why the Committee of this League nominated him. It appears that a plebiscite was first held of all the members of this League and that a certain railway engineer obtained the most votes, General Horvath coming second, both having several hundred votes; whilst M. Strelkoff only had some 20 or more supporters. Nevertheless the Committee of the League decided that Strelkoff should be their nominee.

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Siccawei Weather Report

26.—Heavy anticyclone prevailing over Central China with northerly gale along the whole coast and sharp cold in the continent.

27.—Very fine weather, sharp cold. Eclipse of the Moon on Dec. 28 h. visible in China.

Moon enters Penumbra 14h 53m 5 middle of Shadow Eclipse 17h 46m. 2 Moon leaves the shadow 19 27, 4 leave Penumbra 20 38.5. Magnitude—1.011, the diameter of the Moon being 1.

Note.—Sunset 17h 5m (lat. 31 N, long 120) Moonrise 17h 3m (C.C.T. lat 31° N.) local time. By a clerk error, this last line was wrongly printed in the Annuaire and instead of 17h 3m the moment of the entrance of the Moon in the Shadow was given instead of the moment of the Moonrise.

Thursday, December 27, 1917.

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Wind—Kilom per hour	6 13
Wind—Miles	3.7 8.1
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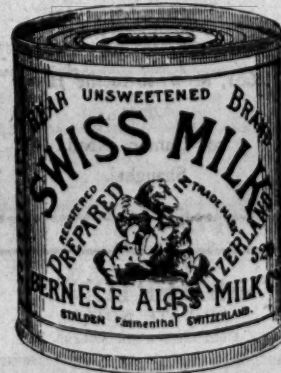
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Union of Canton	Tls. 760
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Far Eastern Ins. Co. Ltd.	Tls. 10 B.
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Shanghai Tug (O)	Tls. 40 B.
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Raub	Tls. 2 1/2
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	Tls. 121 B.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 72 S.
New Eng. Works	Tls. 12 1/2 B.
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 66 B.
Hongkong Wharf	Tls. 12 1/2 B.
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Wohaiwei Land	Tls. 3
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E-we Pref.	Tls. 178 1/2 B.
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Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 63 1/2
Oriental	Tls. 65 B.
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 45 S.
Kung Yik	Tls. 121 B.
Yangtzepoo	Tls. 16 1/2 S.
Yangtzepoo Pref.	Tls. 7.60 B.
Industrials	
Bulter Tle	Tls. 23
China Sugar	Tls. 90 B.
Green Island	Tls. 71 S.
Langkats	Tls. 14 B.
Major Bros	Tls. 12 1/2
Shanghai Sumatra	Tls. 12 1/2
Stores	
Hall and Holtz	Tls. 14 B.
Llewellyn	\$30
Lane, Crawford	\$100
Maustric	\$35
Watson	Tls. 6.60 S.
Weeks	Tls. 13 1/2 S.
Rubbers (Local)	
Alma	Tls. 9.05
Amberst	Tls. 1
Anglo-Java	Tls. 8 1/2 B.
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 4 B.
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 25 B.
Batu Anam 1913	Tls. 1.05 S.
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 3.40
Chomor United	Tls. 1.15
Chempehak	Tls. 1 B.
Cheng	Tls. 10 1/2
Consolidated	Tls. 2
Dominion	Tls. 2 1/2 B.
Gula Kalumpung	Tls. 9 1/2
Java Consolidated	Tls. 16 1/2 B.
Kamunting	Tls. 6
Kapala	Tls. 0.90
Kapayang	Tls. 27 1/2
Karan	Tls. 12
Kota Bahroes	Tls. 7
Kroeweek Java	Tls. 16
Padang	Tls. 12 1/2 B.
Pengkalan Durlan	Tls. 9 1/2
Permata	Tls. 3
Repah	Tls. 0.90 B.
Samagagas	Tls. 0.80 B.
Seoke	Tls. 6
Semambu	Tls. 1.10 B.
Senawang	Tls. 12
Shanghai Kiebang	Tls. 0.92 1/2
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 7
Shai Malay-pref	Tls. 11.10
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1 1/4 B.
Sungala	Tls. 1.55
Sungei Duri	Tls. 9
Sua Mangia	Tls. 6 1/2
Shai Kalimantan	Tls. 0.70 B.
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 75 cts.
Taiping	Tls. 1 1/4 B.
Tanah Merah	Tls. 0.95 B.
Tebong	Tls. 16 B.
Ulobri	Tls. 2 1/2
Zlangbe	Tls. 4 1/2 B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 110
Cully Dairy	Tls. 9 S.
Shai Elec and Ash	\$3
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 66 B.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 24
Herse Bazaar	Tls. 33
Shanghai Mercury	Tls. 20
Shai Telephone	Tls. 78 S.
Shai Waterworks	Tls. 187 1/2

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Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, December 27, 1917.

Money and Bullion

Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate

@ 104 1/2 = Tls. 95.92

@ 72.5 = Mex. \$132.30

Mex. Dollars Market rate 72.225

Dragon Dollars: native bank rate

Tls. 11

Shai Gold Bars: 978 touch Tls. 2.80

Bar Silver Tls. 275 || Copper Cash | per tael 177.3 |
Sovereigns:	
Buying rate @ 4/31d. = Tls. 4.66	
exch. @ 72.5 = Mex. \$6.43	
Peking Bar	Tls. 11
Native Interest07
Latest London Quotations	
Bar Silver	481d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5%
Market rate of discount:—	73.4
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex. Paris on London	Fr. 27.52
Ex. N. Y. on London	T.T. \$47.68
Consols	1
Exchange Opening Quotations	
London	T.T. 4/31
London	Demand 4/31
London	4 m/s. 4/31
India	(nominal) T.T. 300
France	T.T. 586
America	T.T. 102 1/2
Hongkong	T.T. 69 1/2
Japan	T.T. 50 1/2
Batavia	T.T. 23 1/2
Straits	T.T. 55
Banks Buying Rates	
London	4 m/s. Cds. 4/51d.
London	4 m/s. Docy. 4/51d.
London	6 m/s. Cds. 4/6d.
London	6 m/s. Docy. 4/6d.
Paris	4 m/s. 613
Hamburg	4 m/s. —
New York	4 m/s. 106 1/2
Customs House Exchange States	
For December	
Ex. Tls. 4.36 @ 4/11	\$1
" 1 @ 56 1/2 = France	6.38
" 1 No quotation Marks	15.14
" 0.92 @ 97 1/2 Gold	\$1
" 1 @ 52 1/2 Yen	2.12
" 1 @ 15 Rupees	3.44
" 1 @ 850 1/2 Rubles	9.47
" 1 @ 1.50 Mex.	\$1.60
† Nominal.	
Stock Exchange
Transactions

Shanghai, December 27, 1917.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Official

Yangtzepoo Cotton (ord.)

Tls. 7.50

Yangtzepob Cotton (ord.)

Tls. 7.55

Yangtzepoo Cotton (ord.)

Tls. 7.60

Oriental Cotton Tls. 43.00

Tls. 6

Kungyik Cotton Tls. 16.75

H. & S. Bank \$5.82 1/2

Tls. 12

Kroeweek Java Tls. 16 || Padang | Tls. 12 1/2 B. |
Pengkalan Durlan	Tls. 9 1/2
Permata	Tls. 3
Repah	Tls. 0.90 B.
Samagagas	Tls. 0.80 B.
Seoke	Tls. 6
Semambu	Tls. 1.10 B.
Senawang	Tls. 12
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Shanghai Malay	Tls. 7
Shai Malay-pref	Tls. 11.10
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1 1/4 B.
Sungala	Tls. 1.55
Sungei Duri	Tls. 9
Sua Mangia	Tls. 6 1/2
Shai Kalimantan	Tls. 0.70 B.
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 75 cts.
Taiping	Tls. 1 1/4 B.
Tanah Merah	Tls. 0.95 B.
Tebong	Tls. 16 B.
Ulobri	Tls. 2 1/2
Zlangbe	Tls. 4 1/2 B.
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Hankow Market

The Hankow Chamber of Commerce

in their weekly report of December

19, write as follows:—

Finance and Money Market:—

Political uncertainty and tight

money curtailed business somewhat

during the week under review, but

were a few Bills offering for near

delivery and a fair amount for forward.

There was also a small demand

for T.T. against freights as well

as a certain amount of inter-bank

business. There was no demand at

all for T.T. Tails Shanghai during

the early part of the week, but with

the revival of confidence a little en-
quiry came out during the past few

days, but the rates asked by Chinese

Banks ruled from 97 1/2 to 97 and even

lower before they would consider

business. Dollars eased from 70.6

Buyers and 70.8 Sellers. Chinese

market to 70.2 and 70.4 Native inter-
est—16%. Changsha exchange—180Han. Tls. to 1,000 Changsha Tls.
(nominal).

Exports:—

Business remains quiet, with con-
ditions generally unchanged. Ameri-can buyers are still holding off,
whilst demand from Italy is very

strong. Locally the money market is

rather easier after one of the most

difficult settlements of Hankow has

experienced for a long time. Prices are

for the most part easy. Chinese

merchants are reported to be buying

Tallow at prices higher than warrant-

ed by home values. Cotton is dearer

owing to the falling off of supplies

through the disturbances in the in-
terior. Business in other articles is

conspicuous by its absence, and for

Hides and Skins the American market

continues lifeless.

Imports.

There is an easier feeling notice-

able in this market, and Dealers ap-
pear to be regaining confidence after

recent panic. Practically no cargo

has been shipped from this center to

up-river ports, and the money market

also being very tight there is no busi-
ness of any kind to report.

Shanghai Tramways

The following is the Traffic Return
of the Shanghai Tramways (Foreign
Settlement) for the week ending
December 26th, 1917, with figures for
the corresponding week last year:—

	1917.	1916.
Gross Receipts	\$29,817.88	\$29,710.33
Loss by currency depreciation	6,887.18	5,966.27
Effective Receipts	\$23,430.70	\$23,744.06

Percentage of loss	by currency depreciation	22.76	21.34
Car Miles run		74,813	75,761
Passengers carried		1,350,721	1,347,660

BAR SILVER

Reuter's Service

London, Dec. 24.—Today's silver

prices were:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43 1/2d. Steady.

Previous Quotation, London, Dec-

ember 22:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43 1/2d. Quiet.

London, December 21:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43 1/2d. Smallness

supplies. Steady.

LANGKAT OUTPUT

The following telegraphic in-
formation has been received by
the general agent from the
Sumatra director and manager
of the Maatschappij tot Mijn-
bosch-en Landbouwexploitatie in
Langkat:

"The output of crude oil for
the week ending December 23
was 454 tons."

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merce Now Mother Of Eyes
Of Grand Fleet

VISIT TO SHIPS BY AIR

New York Sun Correspondent
Goes Out To Meet Return-
ing Battle Cruisers

London, November 10.—Far up in
the North Sea there is an old
Atlantic liner which has been con-
verted into a mother ship for sea-
planes guarding the fleet and scout-
ing ahead in times of peril. Just as
she carried thousands of Americans
safely across the broad ocean she
now transports airmen, mothering
their craft, supplying them with
comfortable quarters and offering
them facilities for repairing their
machines.

The Sun correspondent visiting
the grand fleet was taken aboard
and saw the wonderful work of re-
construction done by the Admiralty
in transforming a vessel which at
the outbreak of the war had been
scrapped as absolutely useless. To-
day she houses scores of aircraft,
grading from small, baby seaplanes
to the big America type capable of
carrying three passengers.

It is almost with the sense of en-
tering an old cathedral that one
boards today this rejuvenated liner
and passes down the long aisles
which formerly held hundreds of
passengers travelling between New
York and Liverpool. The cabins now
house in the spacious quarters for-
ward men who operate balloons or
pilot aircraft. All the after portion
of this vessel is occupied with giant
gas bags, which are used for
observation purposes.

Can Speed At 18 Knots
Decks and cabins are filled with
the paraphernalia of flying. So far
in this war there has been little said
of the work of the grand fleet, but
a visit to this ship gives an idea of
the efficiency to which its work has
been carried.

This high speed mother ship is
capable of housing aircraft for all
necessary observation work. She
speeds into the wind at a rate of
eighteen knots until the air pressure
of her headway, in combination with
the speed developed by the huge
seaplane motors is sufficient to carry
them from the deck before they
reach the end of the floating slip.
Big derricks hoist planes from a
portion of the deck upon which
passengers formerly played quoits or
shuffleboard. Their engines are
started and keyed up to flying pitch
while deckhands hold to the stays
or wheels attached to the floats
until the signal is given for starting.
Then the released plane soars from
the deck out over the harbor.

It is almost uncanny to sail out
over vessels which looked huge
when tenders were alongside, then
watch them gradually diminish in
size until they become mere pygmies
dwarfed by distance and lowered into
insignificance by the great altitude.
As we ascended a battle cruiser's
siren screamed out and could be
heard even above the roar of our
engine. We circled above the battle
cruiser squadron, looking down upon
ships which ordinarily would have
been impressive, but now were tiny
ellipses of the broad expanse of the
harbor.

Visiting The Battle Cruisers

Another plane, just leaving the
water, looked like a fly attempting
to get above the smoke of the sur-
rounding vessels. All the auxiliary
craft, disappeared or became mere
dots upon the blue table. It was
startling to see dreary brown hills
suddenly develop spots of green,
regularly platted farms with white
houses in the center relieving the
monotony of the harbor, where there
was nothing visible but the
serried ranks of ships. Far out to-
ward the harbor entrance a long
lane of smoke marked approaching
vessels.

We circled down toward the
smoke and made a line toward the
battle cruisers we knew were return-
ing from patrol duty in the North
Sea. It was the perfect alignment
of the battle fleet which struck the

observer most forcibly, each vessel
taking a position exactly to the rear
of the one ahead and giving some
idea of the perfect system of co-
operation between the units which
has made the British grand fleet
supreme in naval affairs. Outspread
upon the forbidding looking harbor
was the entire fleet of vessels which
has been guarding England's shores
for the last three years, although the
harbor looked small from a distance
of 3,000 feet.

Making The Sea Safe

This is the greatest mobile con-
centration of fighting vessels in the
history of the world. Even when
seen together it is hard to realise
that this aggregation has kept Eng-
land safe from attack and has pre-
vented the German high seas fleet
from coming from its harbor. Con-
sidering its size from the great height
aided materially in realising what
an enormous treasure Britain has
poured out in building such a tremen-
dous fighting machine and what
fortunes are being spent daily in
maintaining it. Inspired by the
spectacle it was possible to visualise
this greatest unit of the British sea
force co-operating with the Ameri-
can warships in making the water-
ways of the earth safe for all traffic.

Just as in the days gone by, when
Britain's conquered piracy and made
the lanes places of comfortable
travel for American clippers, the
same outrageous piracy exists today
and it is with the help of American
men-of-war that the British grand
fleet once more will make the water
routes immune from base depreda-
tions.

Sailed from Shanghai

For London, etc.	
Kaga Maru	Nov. 21
Kamakura Maru	Dec. 15
For Liverpool	
Hirano Maru	Nov. 11
Kitano Maru	Oct. 14
For New York	
Matoppo	Dec. 7
For San Francisco	
Shinyo Maru	Nov. 28
For Tacoma	
Manila Maru	Nov. 13
Mexico Maru	Dec. 21
For Seattle	
Grayson	Nov. 14

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.
Capital £1,300,000
Reserve Fund 1,900,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders 1,200,000

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L. R. BRENNER, Manager.

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Capital Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves Frs. 48,000,000.00

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President: JEAN JADOT
Gouverneur Societe Generale de Belgique.

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Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Anonyme.
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New York: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.
M. DEMETS, Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:
Sterling, £1,500,000 @ 2s. 15,000,000
Silver 15,000,000
Total \$35,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000

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Reserve Fund 25,000,000
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Investment reserve fund...H.\$ 20,000

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
C. C. WONG, Manager.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorized Capital \$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital:
Chinese Government 10,000,000.00
Chinese Mercantile 2,312,500.00
Community 12,512,500.00
Reserve Fund 1,892,504.85

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B. G. J. WYNBERG, Manager.

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Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital Subscribed .. Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up " 36,000,000
Reserve Fund " 22,100,000

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E. D. ZAR, Sub-manager.

Shipping Items

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyoo will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Suiryang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Shantung left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Tungchow left Chinkiang for Shanghai, via Chefoo and Weihaiwei yesterday.

The I.C. s.s. Kingsing will leave Chinkiang for Shanghai on Tuesday, January 1.

The N.S. s.s. Ningshao will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The silk which left Shanghai on November 24, by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at New York on December 19.

Silk carried per s.s. Sado Maru, which sailed hence on October 13, arrived at New York via Great Northern Railway on the 17 of December, and shipments carried per s.s. Yawata Maru, which sailed hence on November 17, for connection with s.s. Katori Maru at Kobe, arrived at New York, via same route, on the 19th inst.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyoo left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Wuchang left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangwah left Hankow for Shanghai on Wednesday.

The C.N. s.s. Tafoo Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Wednesday.

The N.K.K. s

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agent
Dec 29	10.00	Victoria, B.C. and Seattle	Hawaii maru	Jap.	O. S. K.
Jan 1	1.00	San Francisco	Colombia	Am.	P. M. S. S. Co.
1	1.00	San Francisco	Siberia maru	Jap.	Alexander
14	1.00	San Francisco	Tenyo maru	Jap.	Alexander

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Dec 29	11.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Oni maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
Jan 1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Tamashiro maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yawata maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Pensa	Jap.	N. Y. K.
1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Chikuzen maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Kanama maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
10	1.00	Kobe and Osaka U. M. J.	Kanama maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Dec 29	9.00	Liverpool etc.	Tamba maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
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FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Dec 27	P. M.	Wanchow via Ningpo	Kwangchi	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
28	4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	Chi.	N. S. S. Co.
29	4.00	Ningpo	Kianzeen	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
30	4.00	Ningpo	Sunmei	Chi.	B. & S.
Jan 1	1.00	Hongkong and Canton	Sungliang	Chi.	B. & S.
1	1.00	Hongkong and Canton	Sungliang	Chi.	B. & S.
1	1.00	Hongkong and Canton	Sungliang	Chi.	B. & S.
1	1.00	Hongkong and Canton	Sungliang	Chi.	B. & S.
1	1.00	Hongkong and Canton	Sungliang	Chi.	B. & S.
1	1.00	Hongkong and Canton	Sungliang	Chi.	B. & S.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Dec 27	10.00	Dalry	Tamsui	Br.	B. & S.
28	10.00	Dalry and Dalry	Kobe maru	Jap.	B. & S.
Jan 1	1.00	Dalry and Dalry	Pansa	Jap.	B. & S.
1	1.00	Dalry and Dalry	Sakaki maru	Jap.	B. & S.
1	1.00	Dalry and Dalry	Keelung maru	Jap.	B. & S.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Dec 28	M. N.	Hankow etc.	Shangyang maru	Jap.	N. K. K.
28	M. N.	do	Tuckwo	Br.	J. M. & Co.
28	M. N.	do	Tatung	Br.	B. & S.
28	M. N.	do	Wuchang	Br.	B. & S.
28	M. N.	do	Tachang maru	Jap.	N. K. K.
28	M. N.	do	Kianzeen	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
28	M. N.	do	Tungting	Br.	B. & S.
28	M. N.	do	Tatung	Jap.	N. K. K.
28	M. N.	do	Kiangwab	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
28	M. N.	do	Chungking	Br.	B. & S.
28	M. N.	do	Poyang	Br.	B. & S.
28	M. N.	do	Luoyi	Br.	B. & S.
28	M. N.	do	Franklin	Br.	B. & S.

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agent	Arrive
Dec 27	Nha po	Kianzeen	3012	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.	KLXW
27	Hankow	Nankai maru	1065	Jap.	Satoh Shoki	SHW
27	Hankow	Tuckwo	1770	Br.	J. M. & Co.	SHW
27	Hankow	Sungliang maru	2225	Jap.	N. K. K.	NYKW
27	Hongkong	Sunmei	1570	Br.	B. & S.	UNW

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agent
Dec 25	Dalry	Sakakimaru	1346	Jap.	S. M. R.
25	Hankow etc.	Luenyi	173	Br.	B. & S.
25	do	Sale maru	1126	Jap.	N. K. K.
25	Hongkong and Canton	Shuntien	1082	Br.	B. & S.
25	do	Sunmei	1570	Jap.	N. K. K.
25	Hankow etc.	Hanping	581	Chi.	H. Y. P. I. Co.
25	do	Kiangyue	1490	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
25	do	Poochi	681	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
25	do	Luenbo	1520	Br.	J. M. & Co.
25	do	Pengyang maru	2971	Br.	J. M. & Co.
25	do	Suiwo	1982	Br.	J. M. & Co.
25	do	Kiangyue	1451	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
25	do	Techimaru	1828	Jap.	N. K. K.
25	do	Tehshing	937	Br.	Geddes & Co.
25	do	Nankin	1718	Br.	B. & S.
25	Hongkong	Kwangie	1368	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.
25	Dalry and Tsingtao	Kohoku maru	628	Jap.	O. S. K.
25	Hongkong and Canton	Fengtien	1073	Br.	B. & S.
25	Tsingtao	Ismu maru	841	Jap.	S. M. R.
25	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kumano maru	3147	Jap.	N. Y. K.

Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agent	Arrive
Nov 15	Portland	Adelphi Smith	1288	Am.	R. D. Co.	KND
Dec 25	Chinwangtao	Kang	1387	Br.	J. M. & Co.	KND
Dec 25	Chetoo	Hsinming	1428	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.	KND
Dec 25	Keelung	Imgard	614	Am.	ODW	KNDW
Dec 25	Saddle Island	Kurama maru	115	Jap.	N. K. K.	USA
Dec 25	Hankow	Kiangshin	2101	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co.	USA
Dec 25	Hankow	Kitwo	1924	Br.	J. M. & Co.	USA
Dec 25	Hankow	Meiwan	417	Am.	S. O. H. Co.	USA
Dec 25	Hankow	Meiwan	406	Am.	S. O. H. Co.	USA
Dec 25	Hankow	Pacific	727	Am.	G. N. T. Co.	USA
Dec 25	Hankow	Ryoya maru	1355	Jap.	M. S. K.	USA
Nov 25	Portland	S. V. Margaret	1250	Am.	J. M. & Co.	USA
Dec 12	Cruise	Stora Nordiska	596	Den.	G. N. T. Co.	USA
Dec 12	Cruise	Tamsui	919	Br.	B. & S.	USA
Dec 12	Cruise	Tamba maru	5538	Jap.	N. Y. K.	USA
Dec 12	Cruise	Yohyane maru	1917	Jap.	N. K. K.	USA

Men-of-War In Port

Faction	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Men	Commander
MMB	Apr. 11	Curia	D. de Lagree	Fr. g-b.	33	..	..	..
CNWP	Oct. 26	Curia	Nightingale	Br. g-b.	33	..	..	..
MMB	Dec. 17	do	Queros	Am. g-b.	..	..	..	..
70	Dec. 17	Cruise	Queros	Jap. g-b.	..	..	..	..
P&OB	Apr. 14	Samar	Villalobos	Am. g-b.	349	4	33	Brown
P&OB	Nov. 16	Curia	Villalobos	Am. g-b.	..	..	..	Clarke

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Str. Tuckwo, tons 3,770 Capt. Campbell, will leave on Friday, December 28, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers Tel. No. 240.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Tatung, Captain Williams, will leave from the French Bund on Friday, December 28, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Wuchang, Capt. Pickard, will leave on Saturday, December 29, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, Tel. No. 77.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Str. Kiangfoo, Captain A. S. Malcolm, will leave on Sunday, night. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Chungking, Captain Monkman, will leave on Tuesday, January 1, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, Tel. No. 77.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Poyang Capt. Carnahan, will leave from the French Bund on Wednesday, January 2, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

For Southern Ports

NINGPO.—The China Navigation Co.'s str. Hsin Peking, Capt. A. Scott, R.N.R. will leave from the French Bund on Friday, December 28, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

SWATOW and HONGKONG.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Sunning, Captain W. L. Jones, will leave from the French Bund on Sunday, December 30, at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Sungliang, Captain H. Trowbridge, will leave on Tuesday, January 1, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, Tel. No. 77.

AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s Str. Shantung, Capt. Meathrel, will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Thursday, Jan. 3, at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

TAKAO (FORMOSA) via FOOCHEW and KEELUNG.—The Str. Kohoku Maru, Captain M. Oyama, will be despatched from the Co's Yangtzeport wharf on January 5, at —. The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the jetty in front of the Nishin Kisen Kaisha at — on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

For Northern Ports

TSINGTAO and DAIREN.—The Steamer Keelung Maru, Captain T. Kamlashi, will be despatched from the Co's Yangtzeport wharf on January 6, at —. The steam-launch conveying passengers on board will leave the jetty in front of the Nishin Kisen Kaisha at — on the same day. For Freight and Passage, please apply to The Osaka Shosen Kaisha, No. 4, The Bund. Tel. No. 4234 and 4235.

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Via Pacific, calling at Hongkong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Seattle, Wash.
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SHANGHAI-YOKOHAMA LINE. (Via Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe.)

OMI MARU ... 7,000 Capt. M. Machida. Dec. 29
YAMASHIRO MARU ... 7,000 Capt. K. Sudzuki. Jan. 1
CHIKUGO MARU ... 5,500 Capt. Y. Yui. Jan. 5
KASUGA MARU ... 7,800 Capt. K. Yagi. Jan. 9
HAKUAI MARU ... 5,000 Capt. K. Takano. Jan. 12

SHANGHAI, KOBE AND OSAKA LINE (Via Moji.)

YAWATA MARU ... 7,000 Capt. K. Yasuhara. Jan. 3
KUMANO MARU ... 9,500 Capt. S. Saito. Jan. 10

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FOR JAPAN

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Regular Fortnightly Service between Kobe and Bombay (calling at Shanghai on homeward voyage.)

The Company also runs numerous steamers from Japan to China and Korean ports and Vladivostok, and also between the principal ports in Japan.

For freight, passage and further information, apply to
T. IBUKIYAMA, Manager, Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Address: Yusen, Shanghai. Tel. No. 1729.CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS
TIENTSIN-PUKOW LINE
TIME TABLE

(Published by order of the Administration)

000 — Midnight, 1330 — 130 p.m.

July 1st, 1917, and until further notice

Mail	Mail	Local	Miles	Peking-Mukden Line	Local	Mail	Mail
101	2	1			2	101	2
B. S.	B. S.	B. S.			B. S.	B. S.	B. S.
2008	824	300	0	dep. Peking	arr. 1900	1900	1900
2245	1112	645		arr. Tientsin-Central	dep. 1700	700	700
2245	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central	arr. 1658	718	718
000	1128	650		arr. Tientsin-East	dep. 1645	700	700
1940	1128	730	624	arr. Mukden	dep. 2200	1000	1000

Local	Mail	Local	Miles	Tientsin-Pukow Line	Local	Mail	Local
5	3	4			4	3	5
B. S.	B. S.	B. S.			B. S.	B. S.	B. S.
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East	arr. 1705	1613	1613
715	1140	—	271	arr. Tientsin-Central	dep. 1655	1608	1608
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central	arr. 1631	1547	1547
1145	1540	—	78	dep. Tsingchow	arr. 1338	1251	1251
1437	1745	—	148	dep. Tientsin	arr. 1048	958	958
1501	2021	—		arr. Tientsin	dep. 804	640	640
7	—	—	220	dep. Tientsin	arr. 756	1813	1813
1039	2231	—	266	arr. Tientsin	dep. 601	154	154
1300	038	—		dep. Tientsin	arr. 340	1311	1311
1315	048	—	318	arr. Tientsin	dep. 339	1298	1298
1554	316	—	377	dep. Tientsin	arr. 190	1092	1092
1815	450	—		arr. Tientsin	dep. 2339	810	810
9	—	—	420	dep. Tientsin	arr. 2339	2007	2007
630	487	—		arr. Tientsin	dep. 1953	144	144
1148	533	—	523	dep. Tientsin	arr. 1944	143	143
1204	540	—	600	arr. Tientsin	dep. 1648	958	958
1657	1135	—	681	dep. Tientsin	arr. 1530	700	700
1848	1300	—		arr. Tientsin	dep. 1530	700	700

Express	Express	Express	Express	Shanghai-Nanking Line	Express	Express	Express
10	10	10	10		10	10	10
B. S.	B. S.	B. S.	B. S.		B. S.	B. S.	B. S.
2200	1420	—	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry	arr. 1410	—	—
2200	1420	—		dep. Nanking	arr. 1415	—	—
700	2130	—	193	arr. Shanghai-North	dep. 705	2300	2300

Yenchow-Tsingchow Branch Line	Linchow-Tsingchow Branch Line
000 1330 2100	000 1330 2100
1330 2100	1330 2100
2100 1330	2100 1330

The station for the foreign concessions in Tientsin is "TIENTSIN-EAST" Conventional Signs.

300 — train runs on Thursday only. 230 — train runs on Fridays only.

300 — on trains marked thus passengers must hold additional place tickets.
B — train has buffet car with regular meal service

B — train has sleep. accom. 1st & 2nd class. S — train has only 1st class sleep. accom.

Application for sleeping accommodation at \$5.00 per berth should, at the earliest possible moment, be made to the Traffic Manager at Tientsin, or to the Traffic-Inspectors at Tientsin, Tsinanfu, Hsuehchow or Pukow.

By Order.

THE TRAFFIC MANAGER

Tientsin, July 1917.

Large Display Advertisements
intended for the Sunday issue of The China Press
should be sent in before 5 p.m. on Friday.FENG ISSUES MANDATE
ORDERING ARMISTICETroops Must Cease Hostilities
And Peace Conference
Is Called

Peking, December 27.—The President's declaration of peace to the commanders of the Government and rebel forces, which at first was rejected by the Cabinet, has been promulgated, counter-signed by all the members of the Cabinet except Tsao Ju-lin, who is on sick leave.

The declaration dwells on the sufferings of the merchants and people and the danger to foreign lives and property through internal disorders. It says that General Lu Yung-tung and the Military Governors of Yunnan and Kwangsi have expressed their readiness to submit to the Government and order their subordinates to cease fighting. The President therefore orders the commanders of the Government troops to cease hostilities in order to secure a permanent settlement.

The Presidential mandate ordering an armistice throughout the country was issued Wednesday afternoon. With the exception of Tsao Ju-lin, who is now in hospital as a result of an automobile accident, all the Cabinet members countersigned. In addition to the representatives of the Southwest already in Peking, President Feng and Premier Wang have invited Dr. Wu Ting-fang and General Chen Chen-huan to a peace conference at the Metropolis.

The voluntary dissolution of the National Council is being contemplated on account of the recent move for an amicable settlement on the part of Peking. Speaker Wang Yitang leads in advocating this measure and has sent representatives to the Councilors to explain to them the necessity of the action in order to hasten the convocation of a legal legislature.

At a reception of Allied Ministers to Peking Wednesday at the Reception Hall of the Waichiao, Minister Lu Cheng-hsiang announced his policy for the sending of expeditionary forces to Europe. In reply to the French Charge D'Affaires, Mr. Lu stated that decision has already been arrived at by the war commission for the furnishing of a substantial quantity of provisions to France. The French envoy again asked that a large force be sent to the front.

The new office of the Defence Commissioner of Harbin has been created in view of military importance that the city has attained since the Russian crisis. Chang Chung-chang, the emissary recently sent to investigate conditions there, has been appointed to that post.

The foreign ministers will be received in audience by the President on New Year's Day as in the second and third year of Republic.

BAKER CONFIDENT OF
RESULT IN FRANCE

Best Germans Can Do Is Achieve Local Success, He Says

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, December 24.—The Secretary of War, in his weekly review, says: "No matter what the superiority of men and guns the enemy may temporarily be able to bring to the West and even admitting an eventual modification of the Allied line in his favor, nevertheless he knows that so far as it is humanly possible to foresee his effort will inevitably result merely in local successes."

"It would appear that as a forerunner of the heralded German attempt in the West an intensive peace propaganda is to be initiated. A careful examination of the situation reveals that the enemy is again preparing to sue for peace before the Allies are victorious."

The Germans would have the world believe that the military situation is such that they are able to dictate the terms of peace. They therefore threaten that unless this dictated peace is accepted the German forces on the West front will break through the Allied line.

The various reports of immediate German peace proposals on seemingly favorable terms should not induce us to slacken our war preparations."

Dr. Pott's Three Sons
In Uncle Sam's Service

All Have Joined Different Army Branches And Await Call To France

Another Shanghai man who has given three sons to the United States Army is Dr. F. L. Pott, president of St. John's College. The last word to reach here is that Dr. Pott's three sons are now at various points in America awaiting the call to the front.

Mr. W. S. A. Pott, well remembered in athletic circles here as one of the best of Shanghai's tennis players, attended the Pittsburgh officers camp and was commissioned first lieutenant on completion of his course. He is now in a training camp in New York, expecting to be ordered to France at any moment.

Mr. James Pott is a member of the aviation corps and is training at the flying field in Houston, Texas. The third son, Mr. Walter Pott, holds a first lieutenant's commission in the Medical Reserve Corps. He is at present in New York and is still pursuing his postgraduate school work there, but is subject to call for active service at any time.

KING RECEIVES GEDDES

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 26.—Sir Eric Geddes, the First Lord of the Admiralty, was received in audience by the King at Sandringham on Christmas morning.

Provision Prices
in Local Markets

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollars cents at Hongkong Market as compiled on December 18, 1917.

Butcher's Meat
Beef per lb. 14-20
Mutton " 16-20
Pork " 25-30
Veal " 25-30Fish
Bream per lb. 14-16
Cod " 16-18
Mackerel " 20-30
Pomfret " 25-30
Salmon " 16-18
Sole " none
Sardines " 16-18
Whitebait " 16-20Game, Poultry and Eggs
Deer each 1.00-2.00
Duck " 40-50
Eggs per doz. 18-20
Fowl per lb. 16-18
Goose each 70-1.00
Hare " 30-35
Partridge " 40-50
Pheasant " 50-60
Quail " 10-15
Rabbit " 10-15
Turkey per lb. 35-40
Teal each 12-14
Wild Duck " 30-40
Wild Pigeons " 10-12
Woodcock " 50-60
Wild Geese " 30-40Fruit
Appricots " none
Bananas " 5-6
Cherries " none
Cocoanuts each 15-16
Chestnuts per lb. 8-10
Figs per doz. none
Grapes per lb. none
Lemons each 5-6
Litchies per lb. none
Mangoes each none
Mangosteens per doz. none
Melons each none
Oranges per lb. none
Peaches " 6-8
Persimmons " 6-8
Pineapples per lb. none
Plums " none
Pumpkins each 12-16
Pineapples " 8-10
Pears per lb. 8-14
Raspberries " none
Walnuts " 10-12Vegetables
Artichokes per lb. 2-3
Asparagus per doz. none
Broad Beans per lb. none
Broad Beans per lb. 8-10
Brussels per bunch 1-2
Cabbage per bunch 3-5
Celery per bunch 6-10
Carrots each 2-15
Cauliflower per lb. 6-8
French Beans 10-12
Green Corn each none
Leeks per bunch 2-5
Mushrooms per lb. none
Onions per lb. 6-8
Peas " 8-10
Potatoes per pic. \$2.50-3.00
Pumpkins per bunch 1-4
Radishes per bunch 1-2
Spinach per lb. 2-3
Tomatoes " 6-8
Turnips per bunch 2-3Grain and Flour
Flour American per 50 lb. \$6.00
Flour Australian per 50 lb. \$4.40
Flour Shanghai per 50 lb. \$2.40
Rice per 200 lb. \$7.00
Milk
Foreign dairies per bottle 20
Chinese dairies " 17
E. KILNER,
Chief Inspector.The Shanghai
Chemical
Laboratory
No. 4 Canton Road

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY ABRIDGED TIME TABLE

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAHKOU "DOWN" MAIN LINE. ZAHKOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH "UP"

STATIONS				Local	Fast	Slow	Coals & Goods	Local	Ex-press	Local	Local	STATIONS				Local	Local	Fast	Slow	Local	Coals & Goods	Ex-press	Local
					R				R													R	
Shanghai North	dep.	7.35	9.00	10.00	...	14.50	15.50					Zahkou	dep.	6.30	7.55	...	9.20	14.10	15.30				
Jiaohai	dep.	7.51	9.16	10.23	...	15.06	16.06					Hangchow	dep.	7.00	8.30	...	10.00	14.35	16.05				
Suzowu	dep.	7.58	9.23	10.38	...	15.13	16.13					Changpu	dep.	8.04	9.48	...	11.40	15.20	17.35				
Lungchow Junction	dep.	8.15	9.40	10.53	...	15.30	16.19					Yehku	dep.	8.41	10.31	...	12.39	15.51	18.40				
												Kashai	dep.	7.15	9.28	11.22	...	14.10	16.30	19.30			
Shanghai South	dep.	7.45	9.10	10.20	13.35	15.00	16.00	17.55				Kashai	dep.	7.48	9.53	11.55	14.48	16.62					
Lungchow Junction	dep.	8.15	9.40	10.53	13.52	15.30	16.39	18.12				Sungking	dep.	9.05	10.47	12.59	16.08	17.40					
Sungking	dep.	8.59	10.45	12.02	...	15.07	17.42					Lungchow Junction	dep.	8.10	10.33	11.38	14.08	15.33	17.23	18.40			
Kashai	dep.	9.51	11.52	13.23	...	16.53	18.49					Shanghai South	arr.	8.35	10.50	11.55	14.25	15.50	17.40	18.40			
Kashai	dep.	7.40	10.25	12.30	14.35	...	17.22	19.20															
Yehku	dep.	8.45	11.05	13.15	15.50	...	17.58					Lungchow Junction	dep.	10.30	11.35	14.05	...	17.18	18.20				
Changpu	dep.	9.45	11.41	14.00	16.50	...	18.24					Suzowu	dep.	10.39	11.44	14.14	...	17.28	18.29				
Hangchow	dep.	11.10	12.50	15.25	18.30	...	19.19					Jiaohai	dep.	10.46	11.51	14.21	...	17.37	18.38				
Zahkou	arr.	11.35	13.10	15.60	19.00	...	19.38					Shanghai North	arr.	11.00	12.05	14.35	...	17.55	18.50				

KONZENCHIAO TO ZAHKOU KIANGSHOO BRANCH LINE. ZAHKOU TO KONZENCHIAO

Konzenchiao	dep.	6.50	8.25	11.25	14.00	15.55	18.35	Zahkou	dep.	....	10.10	12.25	....	17.20	....
Kenshangmun	dep.	7.10	8.50	11.40	14.15	16.15	18.50	Hangchow	dep.	7.30	10.40	12.45	14.55	17.50	19.15
Hangchow	dep.	7.20	9.15	11.52	14.24	16.30	19.00	Kenshangmun	dep.	7.42	10.57	12.57	15.12	18.07	19.27
Zahkou	arr.	....	9.40	12.10	....	16.55	....	Konzenchiao	arr.	7.55	11.10	13.10	15.25	18.20	19.40

R. Restaurant

Business and Official Notices

THE SHANGHAI & HONGKONG WHARF
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SCRIP Certificates Numbers 693A and 694A each for 100 Shares in the name of R. H. Elias, Numbers 728A for 60 Shares and 1155A for 100 Shares in the name of J. R. Elias and Number 1359A for 100 Shares in the name of W. C. D. Turner having been lost, the public are warned against negotiating same, and NOTICE is hereby given that Duplicate Certificates for the said Shares will be issued one month hence and that the Original Certificates, unless produced within that period, will be held by the Company as null and void.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
General Agents,
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf
Company, Limited.
Shanghai, 14th December, 1917.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2487.

ELECTRICITY.

Owing to the increased cost of coal it has been found necessary to raise the price of electricity for light, heat and power. The revised scale of charges, except for Bulk Supply, is published in the Municipal Gazette of December 20.

The revised prices will come into force for the quarter ending March 31, 1918, and will continue until further notice.

By order,

N. O. LIDDELL,
Acting Secretary.Council Room,
Shanghai, December 20, 1917.

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18700

IN THE UNITED STATES CONSULAR COURT,
CHEFOO, CHINA.In re Estate of
H. L. Baxter

Estate No. 1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of H. L. Baxter, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers, to the undersigned, at Tsinan, Shantung Province, China, on or before July 1, 1918, and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payment of the same in due course to the undersigned.

T. J. ENGSTROM,
Administrator.Tsinan, Shantung Province, China,
December 18th, 1917.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2485.

7% (SHORT TERM) LOAN, 1917.

UNDER the authority of Resolutions V and VI passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on March 21, 1917, the Council hereby invites

Business and Official Notices



Consulado Geral de Portugal em
Shanghai

AVISO.

Jorge R. de Oliveira, Consul Geral de Portugal em Shanghai, faz saber a todos os cidadãos Portuguezes residentes neste districto Consular que, durante o mez de Janeiro de 1918, deverao renovar os Certificados de inscripcao Consular. A falta de cumprimento d'esta formalidade e considerada transgressao do Regulamento de policia Consular em vigor.

Na mesma epoca serao renovados os Alvaras de licenca das firmas Commercias estabelecidas neste districto Consular, sob pena do disposto no Artigo 33 do referido Regulamento.

Shanghai, 27 de Dezembro de 1917.

JORGE R. DE OLIVEIRA,
Consul Geral.

CHINESE POST OFFICE

Notification No. 321.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd January, 1918, the Post Office will be open as follows:

1st January, 1917: Open from 8.30 to 12 o'clock. Closed from noon.

2nd and 3rd January, 1918: As for Sundays.

The Parcel Office will be closed during these 3 days.

W. W. RITCHIE,
Postal Commissioner.

Chinese Post Office,
Shanghai, 26th December, 1917.

NOTICE

After January 1st, 1918, the offices of the undersigned will be located at 6 Kiukiang Road, 3rd Floor. Telephone 4757.

China Investment Company,
13 Nanking Road.

Private Day and Boarding School

31 and 32 Quinsan Road,
Re-opens for the Winter Term at 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 3, 1918. A new class for beginners will be commenced in the Primary Department. Intermediate and Grammar Grades as usual.

MARTHA W. JEWELL,
Principal.

Shanghai Foreign Exchange Banks' Association

The Exchange Banks which are members of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday and Tuesday, the 31st December, 1917, and 1st January, 1918, on account of New Year Holidays.

16307

STEAMER FOR SALE

Nearing completion, Classification A1, D/W 650, Draft loaded 14', Draft in ballast 9', Consumption 200 gallons oil per diem, Speed 5 knots loaded and 6 1/2 light, Fuel tanks for 25 days and lubricating oil tanks 25 days, Length 118', Beam 33', Depth of hold 12' 6", Wash down Pump, Bilge pump in Engine Room, Electric light throughout, Power Fire pump, 100 H.P., Fairbanks-Morse Semi-Diesel Engine burning Crude oil, Hoisting Engine for anchors, sails and cargo, Power pump for fire and bilge, Delivery January, 1918. Offers entertained.

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The Daishin Co.

We hereby beg to notify the public that we have this day handed over our business, together with all assets and liabilities, to Mr. S. Nakai, newly established at 9 Siking Road.

S. SHIMOTSUMA,
Manager.

Shanghai, 24th Dec., 1917.

I hereby beg to notify the public that I have this day established myself at No. 9 Siking Road as a merchant for paper and other goods, succeeding Messrs. The Daishin Co., and that I have taken over all the assets and liabilities of that firm under the same name of The Daishin Co.

S. NAKAI, Proprietor.

SHIRO SHIMOTSUMA, Manager.
Shanghai, 24th Dec., 1917.

NOTICE

J. ULLMANN & CO.
(Maison Francaise.)

Jewellers & Watchmakers

have this day removed to their new premises at

No. 38, Nanking Road
(opposite Sweetmeat Castle)

16305

NOTICE

As from the 1st day of January, 1918, the business heretofore carried on in Shanghai under the style of E. Pabney will be carried on by The Currumbhoy & Co., Ltd.

E. PABNEY.

Shanghai, December 24, 1917.

NOTICE

I have from this date resumed charge of this office.

Java Sea & Fire Insurance Co.,

and Associated Companies.

R. A. KROULEN,

Manager a.i.

16303

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2486

SMALLPOX

IN view of the prevalence of Smallpox immediate vaccination is advised.

Medical practitioners will be supplied free of charge with the necessary vaccine up to January 15 on application to the Health Office Laboratory.

Free vaccination for foreigners will be carried out at the following Branch Health Offices:-

42 Woosung Road at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

23 Hankow Road (near the Bell Tower) at 3.15 p.m. on Thursdays.

J.1581 East Seward Road at 3.30 p.m. on Mondays.

Free vaccination for Chinese is available at all the Branch Health Offices: particulars as to times and places are posted on electric light poles.

By order,

N. O. LIDDELL,

Acting Secretary.

Council Room.

Shanghai, December 20, 1917.

16265

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Rye Whiskey?

— THE WHISKEY —

— OF QUALITY —

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WINE MERCHANTS

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Declaration of Loss

The following five drafts, posted by Messrs. Chen Ching Tai (仁成泰), Yingkow to Shanghai on the 24th day of last month, have been lost or burned during transmitting in the train, owing to accident of fire at Kaopangtze.

(1) For Tael 1,000, immediately due, in name of Sze Chen Kee (查順記) payable at Chu Woo Ziang (致和祥).

(2) For Tael 1,000, immediately due, in name of Hou Kee (厚記) payable at Chu Woo Ziang.

(3) For Tael 1,000, immediately due, in name of Woo Zee Tsen, Ching Kee, Chinkiang (和聚正順記) payable at Woo Zee Zai (和聚棧).

(4) For Tael 1,000, immediately due, in name of Heng Shen Zai Chin Chwang Chen Kee, Chefoo (恆昇棧順順記), payable at Dong Woo Zai, Shanghai (同和棧).

(5) For Tael 1,000, immediately due, in name of Hou Kee, payable at Dong Woo Zai, Shanghai.

The public are hereby warned against accepting the aforesaid drafts whenever forthcoming, as same have been declared null and void.

YUEN KONG FIRM, Shanghai.

元康號

Shanghai, December 25, 1917.

GIVE YOUR FRIENDS A CARPET FOR A XMAS PRESENT

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